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The world is a bundle of hay;
Mankind are the asses who pull;
Each tugs it a different way,
And the greatest of all is John Bull

—BYRON.

Edited by
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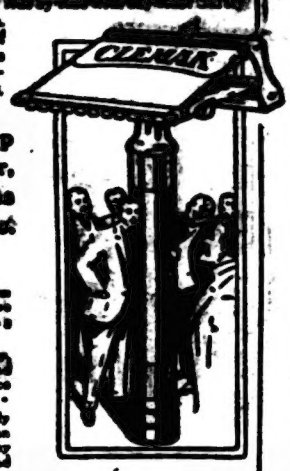

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C. J. SCHANS, 46, Eridge Road, Thornton Heath. March 29th. No. 235000.

H. FRANKS, 371, Battersea Park Road, S.W. March 8th. No. 436420.

W. B. AUSTIN, 169a, Hollona Road, Kensington. March 29th. 544352.

A. ABBOT, 20, Challoner Grove, South Shields. January 18th. No. 614778.

WM. CATHRALL, 92, Northwood Street, Princes Park, Liverpool. March 22nd. No. 644531.

P. C. MARR, 2a, Stanley [illegible]. March 29th. No. 020518.

VAL PHELAN, 56, Elim[illegible]. March 29th. No. 033051.

E. A. PURDELL, Dagmar [illegible], Dorchester, Dorset. March 22nd. No. 110403.

W. A. PENNETT, 21, J. [illegible] Buildings, Glasshouse Street, E. February 22nd. No. 813462.

E. A. SNOOKS, 14, Duke's Avenue, Dorchester. March 15th. No. 682073.

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The following are the fifty numbers for our issue of April 19th:—

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The A prefixed to the drawn numbers indicates it is plus a million.

THE FIFTY NUMBERS IN RESPECT OF THIS WEEK WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE (PUBLISHED APRIL 30TH).

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CRICKET COMPETITION. NO. 1.

SEE PAGE 607.

"JOHN BULL" Entrance Form.

Matches starting on May 12, 15 and 19.

Cross out—in ink—what you think will be the losing club. For a draw do not cross out either club.

MATCHES.

1.	Sussex	v.	Kent.
2.	Essex	v.	Derbyshire.
3.	Worcestershire	v.	Warwickshire.
4.	Lancashire	v.	Yorkshire.
5.	Notts	v.	Surrey.
6.	Somerset	v.	Gloucestershire.
7.	Northamptonshire	v.	Leicestershire.
8.	M.C.C.	v.	Kent.
9.	Hampshire	v.	Derbyshire.
10.	Lancashire	v.	Notts.
11.	Warwickshire	v.	Leicestershire.
12.	Gloucestershire	v.	Yorkshire.
13.	Northamptonshire	v.	Surrey.
14.	Oxford Univ.	v.	H. K. Foster's XI.
15.	Cambridge Univ.	v.	Sussex.
16.	Middlesex	v.	Sussex.
17.	Surrey	v.	Gloucestershire.
18.	Essex	v.	Lancashire.
19.	Somerset	v.	Yorkshire.
20.	Hampshire	v.	Leicestershire.

I enter JOHN BULL Cricket Competition in accordance with the rules announced on page 607, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed.....

Address.....

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Entrance Forms must be cut, not torn out.

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Competitor's Guide.

To serve as a guide to competitors we give below last year's results of the matches given on the attached coupon.

LAST YEAR'S RESULTS.

1. Match drawn.
2. Essex won by an innings and 27 runs.
3. Warwickshire won by 189 runs.
4. Match drawn.
5. Notts won by nine wickets.
6. Somerset won by three wickets.
7. Northampton won by nine wickets.
8. M.C.C. won by 78 runs.
9. Match drawn.
10. Match drawn.
11. Leicester won by three runs.
12. Yorkshire won by 240 runs.
13. Northampton won by nine wickets.
14. Oxford won by 14 runs.
15. Cambridge won by 10 wickets.
16. Middlesex won by an innings and 48 runs.
17. Surrey won by an innings and 87 runs.
18. Match drawn.
19. Yorkshire won by an innings and 136 runs.
20. Hants won by nine wickets.

As the competition is one of skill, you are also advised to study the cricket columns and reports given in the daily papers.

JOHN BULL.

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(See "League Notes" for further particulars.)

THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

Shrewsbury.

After East Bristol, Shrewsbury. It having been "officially decided not to contest the seat"—*vide* the Liberal Caucus—the John Bull League pops up with a Business Government candidate. We go to press a day before the poll, and we are too old a bird to venture upon prophesy—unless we know!—but we do not think we shall be disgraced. We do not expect to win, but, as in the case of East Bristol, we do expect to give the Party wire-pullers a bit of a scare. And we haven't really begun yet!

The League Campaign.

Much to our regret, we are compelled to defer our visit to Ireland till the autumn, and the second provincial tour of the John Bull League will conclude with the meeting at Sheffield, as above. The campaign has been an unbroken triumphal progress—and before October much may happen. Our sleeve is very capacious!

Stranger than Fiction.

Our august contemporary *Truth*, finding it inconvenient to answer our specific questions apropos of its defence of Sir Percy Scott—late of the Royal Navy—endeavours to draw us upon matters far removed from the issue—*i.e.*, Sir Percy's personal responsibility for the press campaign against his senior officer, Lord Charles Beresford. Its excuse is that the "doings of editors are a legitimate subject for the study and instruction of their brother editors." Personally, we should have thought otherwise—so far as public controversy is concerned—but, unlike Sir Percy Scott, we bow to our Senior. Wherefore may we ask, in all humility, what our brother the editor of *Truth* means when, in the same issue, he tells us that certain people "usually prefer to *pocket* their losses," and that certain shares "after dwindling away to 7, have fallen to about $7\frac{1}{2}$"?

Talkative Thomas.

The *Daily Chronicle* Lobby Correspondent is rather hard on Mr. Tom Wing, the new member for Houghton-le-Spring. Referring to the hon. gentleman's recent speech on the minimum wage question, he relates that "Mr. Tom Wing spoke with great animation, but it would have been better if he had left out of his speech the echoes of his recent fight with the Labour Party in Durham." Could anything be more inconsiderate? Surely the *Chronicle* man must know that if poor Tom had left his personal reminiscences out, he would have had nothing else to put in.

Another Judge Demanded.

It is understood that the interim Report of the Royal Commission on the Law Courts recommends the immediate appointment of another judge in the King's Bench Division. On the appointment of the last judge we strongly protested against it as unnecessary, and we repeat our protest. Oh, for, &c.!

Significant.

Does it ever strike you as strange that whilst the papers are giving us columns every day about the Marconi Committee's proceedings, the ghastly revelations of the Putumayo Inquiry are relegated to an obscure corner? What humbugs we are!

Another Journalistic Slip—

"If it were only possible for the House of Commons to act upon non-Party lines, *and do what it believes to be right*," etc. The *Mail* is the culprit, this time.

And a Platform One.

"I say without fear of honest contradiction that *if the House of Commons were free*, and *if every member of the House were free to act and vote as he thought best for the country*," etc., etc. From Mr. Austen Chamberlain's speech at Hull.

Our Great New Summer Competition. Particulars on page 607.

The Unwritten Law.

Rarely has a more piteous and revolting story been told in the Courts than that of Mrs. Pettifer, who was recently acquitted by an Old Bailey jury of the murder of her brutal husband by shooting him with a revolver. We do not propose to criticise the action of the jury, neither do we wish to traverse the painful details of the evidence. The poor woman has already suffered enough, and we trust she may now find respite from her cruel wrongs. There was one phrase, however, in the summing-up of Mr. Justice Lush which, we think, calls for some comment. "It is a question for the jury to decide," said his lordship, "whether the provocation received by the accused was sufficient to reduce the crime from murder to manslaughter, or whether all the circumstances justify them in acquitting accused altogether." It is to the latter part of this pronouncement that we would direct attention. As far as we know, this is the first time that an English judge has thought fit to suggest the acquittal of a person charged with murder on the ground of "provocation." There appears to have been no dispute as to the actual shooting, and it is therefore hard to find any other explanation of the judge's words, which undoubtedly mark a wide departure from the established principle of English law. If the "unwritten law" doctrine, beloved of American jurists, is at last to find its way into our jurisprudence, the innovation must inevitably have far-reaching, and, we fear, disastrous consequences.

De Profundis.

In the unpublished MS. letter forming part of Oscar Wilde's "De Profundis," read in Court in the Douglas creature's libel action before Mr. Justice Darling, there is one sentence which looks as if it had come bleeding from the heart. Remember what he had done; remember how he had paid. "What lies before me is my past," says Wilde. "I must look on it with different eyes, make the world look on it with different eyes, and make God look on it with different eyes." How far he tried, how far he failed, we do not know. This much is for our knowledge—if ever man was punished for his iniquity, if ever man suffered for it, if ever man drank to the dregs the cup of humiliation and ignominy and shame—that man was Wilde. "Great wits are sure to madness near allied." This, we have always tried to think, explains the crush and wreck of his life. Men debased as he was need a doctor more than a judge; a sanatorium more than a prison. Their moral perversion is mental disease.

Height of the Grotesque.

The height of the grotesque is probably reached in the capture of the London Monument by two Suffragettes, unless this pyramidal silliness is exceeded by their annexation of the dome of St. Paul's. They have now only to capture Mr. Lloyd George and paint him sky-blue, kidnap the beefeaters in the Tower, and run away with Big Ben—and the Vote is theirs.

"Old Mother Damnable."

During the libel action against the *Times*, brought by Arnold Mathew, who was described as a Bishop of the Old Roman Catholic Church, Mr. F. E. Smith, K.C., who appeared for the defendants, read a letter from the Bishop in which he spoke of an opportunity "to enter Old Mother Damnable's bosom, for Gladstone offered me all inducements to enter their ministry." The plaintiff agreed that the expression was a very improper one, but said it was an expression by which the Anglican Church was known to a very great number of Roman Catholics! No wonder Tennyson said that there was more faith in honest doubt than in half the creeds.

Motor Cars for Birmingham Officials.

Neither the inquiry into the misuse of Corporation motor cars by Birmingham officials nor the discussion in the City Council is satisfactory. If the Committee have failed to find evidence of improper use of the cars by certain officials for their private pleasure, it must be because they have been too anxious to shelter the officials behind platitudes of benevolence. It is known that some officials have been careering about in these magnificent landaulettes and limousines (paid for out of the rates) as if they were Indian nabobs or Rand magnates. The Lord Mayor, as well as Mr. Neville Chamberlain, practically admitted the misuse, and then appealed to the Council not only to lie low and say nuffin', but to splash the whitewash about until black looked white again. It was not, however, until the Lord Mayor gave the assurance to the Council that the inquiry would be continued that the amendment for referring back the Committee's report was withdrawn. The smaller servants of our Corporations feel the heavy hand quickly enough when they are delinquent, and we can see no reason why, in similar case, the big officials should be protected with such tender care.

"The Times."

The reduction of the *Times* to twopence will make it a penny cheaper to those who are paying threepence. It is still in a sense a national institution, and we may even regard it as one of the sights of London. The pity is that it is still so one-sided. Claiming to be the national newspaper, it should be independent of Party, seeking its influence in the community and in the world on similar lines in politics to those judges follow in law. We want more judicial newspapers in this country; of a great many of the other sort we can well do without.

Spoiling for a Fight.

Some time ago Mr. Lloyd George received a pressing invitation to visit the United States. The Chancellor intimated at the time that his acceptance of the invitation was contingent upon the state of public business this year. He has now informed his American friends that it will not be possible for him to cross the Atlantic this summer. Of course it won't. Fancy an Education controversy without the arch-spokesman of the Nonconformist conscience! It would be far tamer than a performance of "Hamlet" without the ghost.

Money Talks.

The seventh annual report of the Women's Social and Political Union indicates that the income of the association during the past year amounted to no less than £28,000. This is a prodigious sum, and it will tax the resources of the Government to checkmate the machinations of a society so liberally supplied with the sinews of war. The expenditure side of the account affords interesting reading. We observe that £6,000 has been spent on the salaries of organisers. If Mr. McKenna could devise some plan of "collaring" that six thousand, we fancy we should see a big slump in the "militant" campaign.

"Who Murdered the Girl Scout?"

Our attention has been drawn to the following notice, appearing in the *Woking News and Mail*:—

> Whereas certain slanderous statements have been circulated in Woking and the neighbourhood about me in connection with the murder of the Woking Girl Scout, I hereby give notice that I shall at once take such proceedings, criminal or civil, as I may be advised, against any person repeating the slander.
>
> S. Rothwell,
> Maybury Road, Woking.

We shall be glad to know what the "slanderous statements" are, and who has been circulating them—being deeply interested in the solution of this mystery.

Result of our No. 4 Football Competition. See page 585.

Choir Boy and Rector.

Here's a pretty how-d'you-do! For some time there has been no love lost between the Rector of Kirkley, Lowestoft, the Rev. S. Cottam, and his choir. On a recent Sunday a naughty choir boy took advantage of his opportunity while the parson was in the vestry and fired a paper pellet with sacrilegious precision at him, with the result that it hit him on the nose. As nobody would give away the culprit, the Rector took the surplices and locked out the boys from the choir. Even this did not satisfy him, for on the Monday following he proceeded to the verger's, demanded the keys, got them, locked the Church, and posted on the doors the announcement: "This Church will be closed until further notice." Evidently the Rector is very thin-skinned, or the little paper pellet would not have hurt him so much, but why he should shut out a whole congregation from spiritual comfort and counsel on account of the eccentricity of a choir boy is surely a matter for rectorial, if not for episcopal, explanation.

A Magistrate's Error.

Robert Forbes, an attendant at His Majesty's Theatre, must thank his lucky stars for the right of appeal. Otherwise he would now be serving a sentence of two months' hard labour meted out to him by Mr. Mead, at Marlborough Street, as "a rogue and vagabond." The Chairman expressed surprise that the case was not remanded by the Magistrate for inquiries, and said the Bench were satisfied that Forbes was a thoroughly respectable man. "It is quite evident," he added, "that the police made a great mistake, and that the charge ought never to have been brought. Had the Magistrate heard the evidence for the defence, he would never have convicted." We wonder how many innocent men are now branded as convicts!

Economy on the L. and S.W.

On dit that on a district superintendent of the L. & S.W. Railway recently visiting a certain station, the stationmaster mentioned that he had been waiting a long time to be recommended for an increase of salary and hoped on this occasion he would not be disappointed. The superintendent, after informing the master that his duties did not warrant any additional expense, asserted that, in his opinion, he could easily get a uniform man to do the work for 17s. 6d. a week. "Well," said the stationmaster, "it's a pity to limit the operation of such a fine economic idea as that. Why not give him another half-a-crown and let him do yours?"

An Interesting Action.

Mr. Justice Neville has been unsuccessfully asked by Brunner, Mond and Co. and Lever Brothers for an injunction restraining certain defendants from infringing letters patent of their process (*inter alia*) for "removing the offensive smell from whale and other oils for the purpose of making soap, margarine, and candles." It seems to us that if we must have whale oil in margarine it would be more satisfactory to have it in all its native odour. We could then ask the missus whether there was any just cause or impediment why she should not deal at some other shop.

Official.

According to the *Scarborough Post*, a local Post Office contributor under the Insurance Act, whose wife recently presented him with twins, wrote to the Commissioners for maternity benefit, and in reply received a postal order for 1s. 1d. "with the intimation that this was all which remained after the various fees have been deducted." It is a warning to wives to be careful, for it is evident that with twins officially valued at only 6½d. each, their husbands must be a great deal out of pocket.

Fine for Fair Dealing.

The Merthyr Tydvil Poor Law Guardians have recently been buying drapery, and have carefully confined their purchases to firms which pay a trades union rate of wages. No doubt the members of the Board were animated by the best of motives. Unfortunately, however, there is a fly in the ointment. Trades union wages mean higher prices, and it appears that the Guardians could have obtained the goods for considerably less money but for their self-imposed rule, and the Local Government Board auditor holds that it is the invariable duty of a public body to buy in "the cheapest market," and has surcharged twenty-four of the Guardians with the amount which he believes to have been "wasted." It is surely regrettable that a Government department should range itself on the side of stingy employers as against a public body which is making a deliberate stand for what it deems to be fair wages and honest conditions of labour. What says Mr. Burns?

No School to Go To.

The attention of the Minister of Education is hereby called to the gross neglect of the Cumberland Education Committee in the provision of school accommodation in the Thirlmere district. Because of some local protests against a school being built out of the rates, the children are running wild about the roads, for there is not a school within a distance of at least 2½ miles. It used to be held in a barn, but that was condemned as insanitary; then in the Methodist Mission Room, but that has been for some time unavailable. The County Education Authority know their duty well enough, and it is time Whitehall took measures to press them to do it.

What Says the Bishop?

As he has exhausted so much energy in denouncing the restriction of families, peradventure the Bishop of London will suggest the whereabouts of the blessing in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Snow, of Exeter. They were appointed porter and porteress of Devonport Workhouse after their friends had informed them of the vacancy and did not themselves see the advertisement of the Guardians. On appointment, they informed the Clerk that they had a child. As the advertisement stipulated that applicants were to be without children a meeting of the Board was called, and they have cancelled the appointment. A childless Ilfracombe couple have since been selected. Perhaps the good Bishop will enlighten us on this practical lesson of life.

Mr. Crew of Tetbury.

Mr. T. S. Crew, J.P. of Tetbury, a local churchwarden, we believe, is making a name for himself. Within nine days he has sent five men to gaol for the heinous crime of begging—in each case fourteen days' hard labour. The difference between this tender-hearted magistrate and the tender-hearted Home Secretary, therefore, is this: the one puts people in gaol because they haven't any food to eat, and the other lets them out because they won't eat when they have.

Actor and Tailor.

According to one of the tailoring contemporaries, the trousers Sir George Alexander wears in the new play, "Open Windows," at St James's Theatre, "look almost shabby" because he has evidently not had them in a press. But Sir George has a reason, and sometimes a very good reason, for most things. In this instance, our private information is that he is anxious to prove that an actor is not always to be judged by either the cut of his coat or the crease of his trousers

Fortunes for Forecasts. See our Great New Summer Competition on page 607.

A Workless Worker's Wail.

The Unemployment Section of the Insurance Act works rather harshly for some of the unemployed living in Pimlico. A correspondent residing in that celebrated spot is registered at the Walham Green Labour Bureau, and to make his daily claim for the 1s. 2d. due to him under the beneficent measure in question involves him in a diurnal tramp of six miles. A builder by profession, he devotes the early hours of the day to looking for work, and if by force of circumstances he arrives at the Labour Bureau half-an-hour or so after opening time, the chances are that he is unable to obtain his one and tuppence, by reason of the swarm of claimants who have arrived before him. This happened two days in succession. It therefore appears to us that a man in his unfortunate plight must either give up his 1s. 2d. and devote himself entirely to looking for work, or abandon all hopes of employment and devote himself entirely to securing the 1s. 2d. For we suppose it would be too much to ask the Manager of the Walham Green Labour Bureau to extend the hours for receiving claims, as they are already from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning, and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon!

Just Judgment.

We commend the sensible and humane decision of Mr. Symmons, the Greenwich Magistrate, in the case of a poor widow who was recently summoned to his Court for non-payment of the Poor Rate. It appeared that the woman had been employed by the Guardians, but was recently discharged in circumstances which impelled the Magistrate to remark that the dismissal was "very hard upon the widow." Happily, Mr. Symmons knows how to mingle sympathy with justice. He ordered the defaulter to pay the rates at once "or to go to prison for one day." This was the legal way of saying that her rates were forgiven, and we commend the learned Magistrate's clemency to the notice of certain other "justices" whose callous indifference to the woes of rate-defaulters has recently provoked our comment.

When Comparison is Odious.

The West Riding Magistrates at Wakefield, Mr. G. B. C. Yarborough in the chair, had to consider at the last Quarter Sessions two embezzlement charges. In one case, that of Harry Booth, chief tramway cashier, the defendant had a salary of £150 a year, and the amount of his actual deficiency was stated to be about £800. He pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Second Division. Following the half-column account of this case in the local newspaper, we find:—"At the same court Craven Broadbent, labourer, for embezzling £1 8s. 6d. whilst working for Shepherd's (Limited), Huddersfield, on December 12th, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour." We never did believe Justice was blind; but when she visits Huddersfield and some other places she undoubtedly appears to squint.

A Family Affair.

As Mr. Councillor Garforth, of Dewsbury, says his son, Mr. Edward Garforth, is not in partnership with him, we have to accept his word. But let us say, once and for all, that the spectacle of Mr. Councillor Garforth, member of the Public Parks and Cemetery Committee, voting on behalf of his son on a tender for 50,000 bricks, is objectionable to the point of rank indecency. Blood may be thicker than water, but when it becomes almost as thick as mud it cannot be regarded as healthy. If Mr. Councillor Garforth hasn't sufficient conscience not to vote when his relations are tendering for public supplies, the sooner he vacates his seat for somebody who has, the better.

Fever Hospital and Patients.

Mrs. Hall, a collier's wife at Ashton, Lancs., has evidently been roughly awakened by the Borough Council out of a rather common delusion. She was notified for removal to the local fever hospital when suffering from typhoid, and was treated there. Though, as she indignantly told the magistrates, "she would not have gone if she had known it would cost her a penny," the Council not only summoned her for £8 5s., cost of treatment and maintenance, but obtained an order for the full amount. This knocks on the head a very widespread idea that treatment in municipal hospitals, to which patients are taken away willy nilly, when proper isolation cannot be effected at home, is necessarily free. As a rule, poor patients are not required to pay, but where means are available it should be understood that payment may be enforced. In this case the Council justified their claim by saying that the woman's husband earned 35s. a week, and "they considered the family was in the position to pay something." As long as the pressure is not harsh, we cannot say the claim is unreasonable or unjust.

A Case for the L. and N.W. Railway.

The Manager of the London and North Western Railway will perhaps permit himself time to investigate this case. A box was sent to a Smethwick man from Dover. He was not at home when it arrived, and the vanman demanded 7s. 6d. for delivery from the landlady, who refused to pay the money in her lodger's absence. The vanman took it back to the station. On calling there the owner of the box was told he could have it on payment of 7s. 1d. He then demanded to have it weighed—the result being 6s. 4d. to pay! Now all this has the appearance of an attempt at deliberate overcharge, which may occur in thousands of cases.

Reward of Virtue.

A judgment has come upon Mr. Samuel Silvester Warren, member of the Canterbury Board of Guardians, whom our readers will remember as having tried to rob the workhouse inmates of their Christmas beer, though he had at the time a flask of brandy in his breast pocket for the good of his health. In company with Mr. H. M. Chapman, a fellow member who also objected to the Christmas beer, he has been defeated at the election!

"Olympic's" Lifeboats.

The indispensable necessity of putting lifeboats to the severest possible tests is shown by what happened when the *Olympic's* boats were recently tested at Belfast. Two men entered boat No. 1. As it was being swung out the davits broke and the men were thrown into the water. Boat No. 2 was filled with 56 lb. weight, and on being lowered it buckled up. Think of such things happening in the hour of their greatest need to "those in peril on the sea"!

Finance Act Valuers at Gloucester.

Complaint reaches us that in Gloucester the valuers under the Finance Act "walk into private houses and insist on seeing every room, even cellars and coal-hole." If the householder means that they open the door and walk in whenever they please at any hour of the day, then it is evident their official zeal requires adequate checking.

The Coming Mode.

According to a French authority, a fusion of the masculine and feminine costumes may shortly be expected. So long as it does not lead to *con*fusion, we shall have no objection. But the possibility of cases of mistaken identity fill us with alarm. Even the naked savage in his lair will have the advantage of us then.

"Bullets" still Breaking all Records! £1,895 in Prizes this week.

A Chance for the Chancellor.

We would again call the Chancellor's attention to our suggestion, made some time ago, that a new source of considerable revenue would be a regulation that all wines, spirits, tobacco, cigars, etc., sold by the steamship lines to passengers should pay the usual duty, and not be put on board duty free, the shipowners being allowed to add the duty and put in their pockets what should belong to the revenue. Shipowners have been lately bragging about their wonderful dividends, and would surely not object to assisting the Chancellor out of his difficulty.

Signs of Spring.

This week—appropriately enough, synchronising with the coming of the soft and sentimental season—the sprightly Jane Ann resumes her interesting communications. Being, to some extent, in the young lady's confidence, we are able to promise our readers much entertainment in the peep which they will be permitted to take into the ingenuous damsel's ardent love affairs and experiences.

The Week's Chestnut.

(A True Story.)

HUSBAND: I'm going to hear Bottomley speak on a Business Government next Thursday at the Birmingham Town Hall. They say he's very good.

WIFE: Oh, I shouldn't; he's a very shady character. *You should see what* JOHN BULL *says about him!*

RESULT OF OUR FOURTH GREAT FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

BROADSTAIRS LADY SHARES £750 PRIZE, AND ALSO WINS £100 SPECIAL "LADIES' PRIZE."

Two competitors succeeded in correctly forecasting 19 results out of 20 matches. They were:—

Mr. HARRY COLBOURN,
Avondale Hall, Cotlands Road, Bournemouth,

and

Mrs. GORDON WAKEFIELD,
"Thetis," York Street, Broadstairs.

And, in accordance with the conditions, they divide the cash prize of £750. One correct result more and our Pension of £7 per week for life would have been won! Still, we congratulate Mrs. Wakefield—who is evidently a keen follower of the winter game—and Mr. Colbourn on their good fortune; and we have had much pleasure in forwarding to each of them a cheque for £375. We have sent a further cheque for £100 to Mrs. Wakefield, as she also succeeded in winning the Special Prize offered for the lady whose coupon gave more correct forecasts than that of any other lady competitor. She is, therefore, the fortunate winner of the huge sum of £475.

Our Second Prize, of £400, is divided between the three following readers—each of whom gave 18 correct results:—

Mr. WILLIAM EVANS,
155, High Street, Bangor, N. Wales.

Mr. WILLIAM TERRANEAU,
The Square, South Molton, N. Devon.

Mr. D. JENKINS,
Bryn-carebig House, Tonna, nr. Neath, Glam.

To each of whom we have forwarded a cheque for £133 6s. 8d.

As indicating the keen character of the contest, we may mention that no less than 11 competitors gave 17 correct forecasts, and we can only express the hope that they may get a bit nearer in our Final Football Competition, which closes to-morrow (Friday).

And now for our Great Cricket Competition!

"John Bull's" Biscuits.

["Taking the Biscuit" has become a classic phrase, expressive of a satirical reward or recognition. In this column we present, in all good humour, the token to such of our contemporaries and others as may have distinguished themselves by some unconventional utterance or act.]

For advertising in the Bicton Parish Magazine (Shrewsbury), "VARNISHING *Toilet Cream,"*
MR. ARTHUR WILLIAMS, M.P.S.,
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For announcing that: "Mr. McKenna promised a trade union deputation to use his INFLUENZA *in favour of improved arrangements in connection with shuttle-kissing,"*
THE HALIFAX DAILY GUARDIAN
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For advertising "Hours of CONSOLATION,"
"PROFESSOR GEORGE HOLROYD
(Consulting Herbalist, 16, Aspley, Huddersfield)"
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating in "The Navy League Quarterly" that: "In China not so many years ago a large river overflowed its banks, and five millions of people LOST THEIR LIVES BY DROWNING, AND AFTERWARDS BY STARVATION,"
FLEET ENGINEER G. QUICK, R.N.,
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating that: "Singular to say there were no marriages during Easter week at St. Peter's Church, Westleigh. This is said to be accounted for by the unfortunate misunderstanding among some of the employees at Fir's Lane Mill. The matrimonial parties have naturally postponed their NATAL *day,"*
THE CHRONICLE (Leigh, Lancs.)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For reporting Mr. Muir, in his defence of Miss Annie Kenney, the Suffragette, as asking: "Why should she be prohibited from carrying on the AWFUL *part of this organisation?"*
THE DAILY RECORD AND MAIL (Glasgow)
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For publishing in a biographical article the statement that: "Miss Emery was BORN IN CANADA, *of Gloucestershire parents, who* EMIGRATED *when Elizabeth* WAS STILL A CHILD,"
THE SWORD AND THE TROWEL
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating that the assailant of the King of Spain "is said to have declared that, on seeing the King pass, he was suddenly seized by an irresistible impulse and, having a weapon in his pocket, felt compelled to use it. IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THE OUTRAGE,"
THE DAILY MAIL
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For advertising: "Nucleus of old-established Practice for sale in S.W. district. . . . RENT *£50. Energetic man would* SOON DOUBLE IT."
"No. 2108 (*'British Medical Journal'* Office)"
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

For stating, in the review of a book, that: "For the proper enjoyment of 'Sleeping Waters,' it is necessary to have READ *the book very carefully* BEFORE BEGINNING IT,"
THE WESTMINSTER GAZETTE
TAKES THE BISCUIT.

HALF-A-CROWN FOR EVERY "BISCUIT" PUBLISHED

We give 2s. 6d. to the sender of every "Biscuit" published. Should the same item be forwarded by several competitors, preference will be given to the one whose letter is first opened. In forwarding newspaper cuttings, sufficient must be sent to identify the name of the paper and date of issue. Envelopes must be marked "BISCUIT" and addressed to "The Biscuit Editor."

£50 for a "Mauve" Coupon. See page 607.

OUR SUFFRAGETTE SOLUTION.

A SUGGESTION FOR A SETTLEMENT.

By the Editor.

I have been thinking a good deal about this Woman question. It is idle to deny that it is assuming a very serious aspect—and it is obvious that the Executive Government of the day is utterly incapable of coping with it. The trouble was bound to come. If you will have a franchise based upon the principle of citizenship—never mind how imperfectly it is carried out—you cannot say that the principle is applicable to the male citizen only. And there must come a period in the course of human evolution when this truism will assert itself. That period has arrived, and although it is the fact that the Suffragettes are much more noisy than numerous, they are still numerous enough to constitute a new and potent force and factor in the public life of the country. And they start with an enormous advantage—their enemy is Man; and it is a law of nature that the male never fights the female.

Dropping Cant.

We will begin by dropping cant. Never mind the outrages. Lamentable, cruel at times, and illogical always, as they are, they merely demonstrate the basic fact of human life—that might *is* right—that, in the last resort, Force not only *is* a remedy but is the *only* remedy. It has been the recognition of this truth by men which has won them almost every "right" they now enjoy. Civilisation is a compromise with Anarchy—and nothing more. And the militant Suffragettes know this. We men have taught them the lesson. Therefore, whilst we lament the militant movement, and are bound to "condemn" it (with our tongues in our cheeks!) we must admit that it is playing the game according to the rules.

The Real Issue.

We must assume that there is no idea of revising the basis of the franchise, to which I have referred, and that counting heads is to be the method of compiling the Parliamentary Registers. Personally, I am far from satisfied that the method is a good one. So many heads are not worth counting—but it is too late in the day to raise the point. Very well, then—let us count heads—but why only male heads? Oh, yes; I know all the arguments about the proper sphere of women, &c., and I'll come to them in a moment. But do not you see that this style of counting means, not only that in affairs of state the Dustman has an equal voice with the Duke, but that he holds in his hand the destinies of the Duchess? That the Coster is equal to the Count, and can do what he likes with the Countess—there being many costers for every count? You see, when you come to municipal elections, we *do* give women ratepayers the vote, because they are supposed to be interested in the good government—and the rating—of the district. But they are *not* supposed—even though they be spinsters, or widows, or owners of businesses or property, or householders—to have any interest in the good Government, and the taxation, of the country!

The Case for the Man.

Woman was not meant for politics. She is a domestic animal. Her function is to bring babies into the world, to look after the house and attend to her husband and the children. She is unfitted by nature for the rough and tumble work of politics. Besides, if she has the privileges of citizenship, she must also share its burdens and responsibilities; she must be prepared to fight for her country, if necessary—and so on. Then, too, the vote is but the thin end of the wedge; give women that, and the next thing will be that they will want to sit in Parliament. Obviously, some of these objections are rather thin, but a more substantial one is that, in view of the fanaticism engendered by the Party spirit, the possession of votes by married women would be calculated to engender discord in the home and to divert the attention of the wife and the mother from those sacred duties which are peculiarly her care. One can imagine the scene over the domestic hearth on the eve of an election—the wife just returned from a Tory and the husband from a Liberal meeting!

Sentiment Barred.

In the above observations I have avoided the introduction of sentimental considerations. I do not think we are entitled to deal with a matter of this kind upon such grounds. Personally, I am not enamoured of "the new woman." In my own view, politics and petticoats do not blend—but everyone to his taste. We must, however, for once, ignore the personal equation, or we shall go hopelessly astray. I remember during the Debate in the House of Commons on the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, asking a certain member why he was opposed to it. "Well," said he, "you see, my wife *has* a sister!" And so it is with this question—every man unconsciously approaches it from the point of view of his own immediate feminine environment.

Our Solution.

Now, this is a world of compromise; we also live more or less on the instalment system—and bearing these two facts in mind, we have a suggestion to make which, in our view, should be accepted by the women. There can be no question that in these days of "social reform" the bulk of the measures passed by Parliament have a very special interest to women—and equally it cannot be denied that there are now looming on the horizon a number of pressing problems in regard to which the views of women should be paramount. But apart altogether from these considerations, and upon the very hypothesis that the female mind works in a groove distinct from that of man, I propose that in future the existence of women should be recognised as a political factor, and that our Constitution should be so remodelled as to give them a share and a responsibility in the making of our laws. My scheme is intended to be of an experimental character—to come into effect at the next General Election, and to be renewable for three Parliaments thereafter—by which time it could be renewed, abolished, amended or extended in the light of practical experience. It will be observed that it has the advantage of avoiding the risk of the general vote of the country being swamped by a female franchise; that it obviates the danger—which I regard as real—of domestic dissension at times of political excitement, inasmuch as the franchise and its function which I am about to suggest is a thing distinct and apart from ordinary Party controversies. To come to the point, I propose, by way of a start, that every adult woman be admitted to the Female Franchise—*for the election of a Woman's House of Parliament*, to sit concurrently with, but independently of, the House of Commons—with power to initiate legislation, and with the right to consider all Bills introduced into the other Houses—*and to be represented upon all Committees.*

I feel certain that if I had an opportunity of discussing this scheme with the Suffragette leaders, I could satisfy them of its merits. It would afford them a magnificent opportunity for demonstrating the fitness of their sex to take part in the government of the country—and I honestly believe it would result in great good to the community. Think it over.

DOING ILL BY STEALTH.

CHIEF CONSTABLE STABS PUBLICAN IN THE BACK.

A man named Kent, for fifteen years employed by a Tramway Company, took a public-house at Shrewton, Wilts —and then his troubles commenced. He had been a landlord barely four months when the following complaint was lodged with the brewers owning the house by Mr. Llewellyn, the Chief Constable :—

> I have received a report from my Sergeant stationed at Shrewton that at 10.45 p.m. on April 3rd, he visited the "Royal Oak" Inn, Shrewton, and on the premises found —— ——, living at Bustard, Shrewton. This man had, no doubt, been in the house all the evening, and after closing time he returned to the house, which I have reason to believe he frequently does. When found by the Sergeant on this occasion the usual answer, of course, was given, viz., "He is lodging here to-night." It is obvious that —— , who is a married man with a family, living so close, could not have intended to sleep at the house until discovered there by the police.
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> This I consider to be an evasion of the law, though, as —— appears to have remained there, I am not in a position to take proceedings.
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> I bring these facts to your notice with a view to your cautioning the landlord against the repetition of such conduct.
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> I am also informed that he encourages card playing, etc., on his premises, the object of which speaks for itself.

Kent managed to steer clear of the police until Guy Fawkes' Day; but following a local celebration of the event, came the following further letter to the brewers :—

> On the 9th of April last I brought to your notice the conduct of the landlord of the above house. I have again to bring his conduct to your notice, and must ask you to be good enough to inform me what steps you will take in the matter before I take further action, as I consider the landlord, Joshua Atkins Kent, to be quite unfit to hold the licence of a public-house.
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> On the 5th of November last, Mr. Kent and a number of young men acted in a very disorderly manner after closing hours. Just after 10.30 p.m., two of my officers visited the premises of the "Royal Oak" Inn, where they found the landlord and a number of young men. On being asked what was taking place, the landlord said, "We are going to have a bonfire." He was informed the yard was part of his licensed premises, and he could not harbour men there. He took no notice of the police. The faggots were taken to a piece of private land and a large fire made within about 25 yards of the main road. The landlord then said, "We will have some beer," and beer was brought from the public-house and handed round. They danced, shouted and made a great noise, their language being of a most obscene and indecent character. They beat the fire with sticks to the great danger of a neighbouring shed where a large quantity of petrol was stored. They remained there till 12.30 a.m., by which time they were all drunk.
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> The police officers distinctly heard them talking about how much they had to pay for beer. Money was collected and handed to the landlord's son, Sidney Charles Kent. About this time they began to talk about setting fire to something, and a certain barn was mentioned; some said they would have nothing to do with it; others said that they were game for anything, and, had not the police prevented them, no doubt they would have committed a serious crime. They returned back to the fire and remained there until 2 a.m.
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> I consider this conduct on the part of the landlord most disgraceful, and await your reply.

Upon receipt of this letter the brewers had no alternative but to give Kent notice to quit—it is useless for people whose business places them at the mercy of the police to set them at defiance, even in a matter such as this. Kent himself has used every endeavour to get an interview with the Chief Constable in order that he could refute, by the evidence of himself and witnesses, the statements made in the letter, but the interview was abruptly refused. In the end, he was shot out of the "Royal Oak" owing to this confidential report. It is pretty obvious that, had there been any legal offence, the Chief Constable would have prosecuted, as he was evidently chagrined at being unable to do upon the occasion which led to his first extraordinary intimidating letter.

Kent is quite prepared to bring witnesses to prove the incorrectness of the report which lost him many years' hard savings. Surely the County authorities should hold an enquiry in order that justice may be openly done.

ADMIRALTY ANTICS.

"MY LORDS'" BEANFEAST AND "JACK'S" FAST.

News was recently communicated to the commanders of H.M. ships in Devonport Harbour that, led by Mr. Churchill, "my Lords" of the Admiralty were about to pay a visit. The personnel of the various units were hustled to make everything look pretty. On H.M.S. *Defiance*, for instance, their lordships were expected in the forenoon, and everybody was rushed round with mops and other naval weapons to clean up the ship as it had not been cleaned up since it was a baby. The decks might have been the grass in Kensington Gardens or a lovely Axminster pile carpet in Grosvenor Square. The whole population was kept so busy that they had hardly time for dinner and tea. As a matter of fact, it is asserted that most of the ratings were nearly choked in their efforts to make the *Defiance* look like a real lady, paint and feathers and high heels and perfume and all. The first liberty-boat was down to leave ship at four of the afternoon, but all were stopped; yet after all this fume and fuss the message came that their lordships did not intend to arrive on the unfestive scene, as they were full up for the day. What they had been eating was not stated. The shades of night had fallen fast, and if they had heard what some of the deck swabbers said about them under their breath they would have felt their hair singe.

Presently the morning's sun rose on the *Defiance*. Not a moment could be spared for breakfast. The hour of noon boomed through vacant stomachs, but their lordships had not graced the delirious decks. One o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock—still no Admiralty and still no dinner. But now came the news to the fooled and famished *Defiance* that their lordships were steaming down harbour, their strenuous labours done. For three solid hours officers and men reeled in stupefaction from the blow, and they only began to recover at 6 p.m. Their lordships staggered her more than, it is to be hoped, a German shell will ever do.

So much for the facts; now for a cautionary word. H.M. ships are not intended to be utilised for farces, comic operas or sea picnics, but for business only. From what we know, their lordships would not do without breakfast and dinner for the crew of the *Defiance*, and we fail to perceive why the crew of the *Defiance* should do without breakfast and dinner for their lordships.

A PRETTY "PANEL" PICTURE.

DYING GIRL WAITS IN AGONY FOUR DAYS FOR ATTENTION.

From all parts of the country complaints reach us of insured persons who are unable to get proper medical attention. Here is the latest example, and we ask the Health Commissioners what they intend to do in the matter.

A girl named Minnie Williams, 17 years of age, was employed at the Queen's Road Laundry, Newbury, and on March 20th had to return home owing to illness. She complained of rheumatic pains in her limbs, and, as they got much worse, on March 22nd her mother went to fetch one of the local panel practitioners, Dr. Wyllie, who had signed her Insurance card. He was not at home; she called again the same evening, and as he was still out left a message stating that her daughter was very ill, and begging that he would call and see her at once. As no notice was taken of her request, the poor woman paid two visits to the surgery on the following day—with the same result. On the 24th the girl was in such dreadful pain that it took two people to restrain her, so the nearly distracted mother sent an elder daughter to Dr. Wyllie to acquaint him with the state of affairs. Still he could not be seen. On the following day the distraught woman again went to the surgery, and this time she was successful in seeing the doctor, but even then he did not go to see the poor girl until the dire urgency of the case was impressed upon him by the district nurse. Two days later the patient died—not peacefully, but in a raving delirium, calling down vengeance upon the doctor who had so long failed to perform the duty for which she had been paying some of her hard-earned coppers every week. But what matter? She was only a poor laundry girl!

Huge Cash Prizes—£1,000, £250, £100, and £50. See page 607.

HEIGH HO, HYOGEN!

THE "ADDER'S TONGUE" AND A FAT GUARANTEE.

We have recently received some documents which caused us to sit up, rub our eyes, and exclaim in surprise, "Heigh ho, Hyogen!" Our vision thus stimulated, we read with interest a printed letter got up, in the usual style of the noble army of quacks, so as to resemble a private typewritten communication. In it the senders, the Hyogen Company, of Carlton House, Kingsway, "Official Distributors of 'Hyogen,' The Great Flesh Producer and Nerve Vitaliser," flatteringly state that they have selected the recipient, because he has a good standing amongst his friends and neighbours, for the offer, for a limited time, of a full course of treatment at a price which barely covers the distribution expenses. Again following the usual course of the Yankee nostrum pedlars, it states that this wonder-worker was discovered by an unnamed "eminent specialist"—this epoch-marking event having occurred "one year ago," although in a pamphlet it is said that "one hundred thousand thin men and women have increased their weight to normal by its use during the past two years"!

SHARK AND HERRING.

After the statement that, thanks to the corpulence-creators, "excessive thinness or nerve troubles will soon be unknown" comes the hook on which it is hoped the poor skinny herring will be caught. "We positively guarantee that it will do exactly what we claim in every case, or, in the event of failure, we will refund your money as explained in our Guarantee Contract, a copy of which we enclose. . . . We are giving you an opportunity to test this marvellous discovery without expense if it is not effective."

Being philanthropists, they have generously decided practically to give it away at 21s.—and again comes the solemn promise: "This treatment we guarantee to give you complete satisfaction, or we will refund the 21s. paid, without delay, strictly according to our Guarantee Contract."

In view of these protestations, it is interesting to turn to this document—described as "ironclad," but which we should term brazen!—which runs:—

> If any purchaser of "Hyogen" is not perfectly satisfied with the results, after taking one full course of the treatment, and if they (*sic*) have not put on as much weight as they (*sic*) desire, up to 2 stone 10 pounds (we do not guarantee more than this), we will furnish another complete treatment free, or refund the money paid. The purchaser is to be the sole judge as to whether benefited or not.

This "guarantee," on careful examination, will be seen to be a mere trick, for it amounts to the promise to return the money *or* send another treatment!

"SLIM" SWINDLERS.

It will not surprise our readers to learn that in the case under review, although the guinea asked for was sent on January 20th, with a letter stating that it was remitted on the distinct understanding that it was to be returned if no good results followed at the end of the sixty days, when—as was to be expected—it was found at the end of that period to be worthless, and the return of the money was demanded, all that was received from the bunkum bulk-bestowers was a letter evading the request, and stating that they were sending another sixty days' treatment. This unwanted physic was at once returned to them, with a reminder of their solemn assurances. The only reply was that the treatment "has been sold to you strictly on the conditions of our Guarantee Contract. We do not feel that we can make any new arrangements to meet your demands." In these circumstances, disliking the publicity and ridicule which would inevitably befall him were he to sue these tricksters in the Court, their poor deluded dupe, thinking that he might as well get *something* for his money (the wrappers, etc., might fetch a copper)—sent them the curt postcard: "Send on the second 60 days' treatment," and there the matter rests at the moment.

It is a pity that the authorities cannot give the "Hyogen Company"—whoever may be the individuals covered by the alias—an opportunity of proving the worth of their treatment after a restricted diet of bread and water. They are, however, well qualified to give lessons in the art of acquiring "cheek" and "nerve."

"THE TARDY BUST."

HOW A BOND STREET FIRM HASTES WITH LEISURE.

A year or two ago we printed several complaints from members of the fairer sex—we could, indeed, have filled our columns with similar grumbles—regarding the extraordinary dilatoriness of certain makers of stands and busts in delivering goods after receiving the money. Following somewhat drastic action on the part of the police in regard to a couple of the grosser offenders, which apparently served as a general warning, the worried dressmakers ceased from troubling, and the weary Editor was at rest. We have, however, been stirred up again by a Darlington reader, writing on behalf of a friend residing in Stockton-on-Tees, who, on March 9th, sent to the Bond Street Bust Co., 72, New Bond Street, W., a postal order for 16s., in payment of one of their No. 4 models, on the strength of the statement in their circular that "being actual makers and not agents, as most advertisers of these goods are, we usually can supply by return if order should be a stock size, or we do guarantee delivery of any order within five days, even if the same has to be specially modelled." The article required, we are told, *was* a stock size—but whether that be so or not, the five days within which, in any event, supply was guaranteed has long since expired, and the way in which urgent demands for the goods or return of the money have been met is illustrated by the following communications from the Company, the postcards being evidently written by a very illiterate person.

March 20th (postcard):—

> Dear Madam your card to hand redress model we very much regret you have not yet received goods But will write at once to our factory to hasten delivery as we should think that your order as been over looked your faithfully H.W.

March 28th.—Postcard precisely similar in wording, but showing an improvement in spelling.

April 1st (Memorandum):—

> We very much regret you have not yet received the goods. We have to-day received instructions from our factory that model will be dispatched at once. Trusting same will reach you safely.

April 14th.—Postcard as before.

It is, therefore, pretty obvious that the dispatch of these parrot-like postcards forms part of the stereotyped work of some half-educated clerk—from which it is not unfair to draw the conclusion that a considerable number of similar cases require to be dealt with.

Johnson, when penning the words quoted in the heading—appropriately enough, in "The Vanity of Human Wishes"—must really have foreseen such cases as the one cited above.

A SOUDANESE SURVIVAL.

"HE THAT IS WELCOME" DOES *NOT* "FARE WELL."

At a time when we are priding ourselves as a nation that we have no slaves serving under the Union Jack, the following extracts from an indenture used by a searcher for curios in the Sudan will no doubt be of interest:—

> I hereby contract to enter the service of Henry S. Wellcome (hereinafter called "the master") until the completion of his archæological work in his season of 1911-12 on the following conditions which I pledge myself before Allah to strictly observe:—
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> I undertake at all times to submit to such fines and other punishments as the master or others in authority over me may decide that I justly deserve.
>
> The master or others authorised by him may terminate this agreement and may dismiss me from my master's employment at any time without previous notice if for any reason the master no longer requires my services.
>
> The hours of labour are to be such as the master may appoint from time to time. My wages are to be at the rate of piastres per day, payable in such manner and at such times as the master may decide.

It will be seen that these terms of labour practically amount to slavery. We hear that Mr. Henry S. Wellcome, otherwise "The Master," had a very rough time with his niggers—which is little matter for surprise. While we are not prepared to take the native by the hand and call him brother, we don't like to see him defenceless against unjust and despotic treatment.

Result of our No. 4 Football Competition. See page 585.

"THE POOR AND THE POOR-RATE."

HOW VINDICTIVE MAGISTRATES SET THE LAW AT NOUGHT.

Our recent article under this heading has evoked widespread interest. It appears that the harrowing case to which we referred is by no means a solitary instance of the tyranny practised by certain magistrates in their dealings with persons who, through no fault of their own, are "behind with their rates." Summary committal to prison for no worse crime than poverty is apparently becoming a recognised part of our judicial system, and we trust our comments may have the result of arousing the public to an effective protest against this particular form of magisterial oppression.

In order that our readers may be alive to what is going on around them, we give the facts of a particularly bad case which has just been brought to our notice. A respectable Islington tradesman recently met with a series of reverses, culminating in a severe and prolonged illness from which he has not yet recovered. For a long time he made a plucky fight against misfortune, but the odds against him were too heavy and he suffered severe financial loss last summer; for the first time in his life he was unable to meet the demands of the rate collector, and in August he was haled before the Islington Bench as a defaulter. The Court was fully informed of all the causes which had conspired to bring about our correspondent's financial ruin. There was no single suggestion of idleness, extravagance or vice; nevertheless the poor man was refused the benefit of the discretion of mercy, and actually committed to prison for a month as a wilful defaulter.

It should be remembered that the man was ill at the time, and the mere thought of imprisonment was sufficient to aggravate seriously his condition. Happily, a kind-hearted clergyman came forward and paid the arrears, so that for the nonce the police were cheated of their prey.

The unhappy man's illness continued for several months. His business declined apace, and in December last, when a further instalment of rates fell due, his financial position was worse than six months before. In February he was again dragged before the tribunal of the law. His piteous tale of suffering and misfortune, the truth of which could easily have been verified, was again ignored, and for the second time sentence of a month's imprisonment was passed.

By this time our correspondent was so seriously ill that he had to take to his bed, and when the police officer came to arrest him he was too ill to be moved. He has now somewhat rallied, and has luckily been able to place himself beyond the reach of the officers who hold a magistrate's warrant for his arrest. He is literally in hiding, and fears to stir a foot lest he should be seized by the police and thrown into a felon's cell.

This is emphatically a case in which the defaulter should have been allowed to discharge his liability on easy terms. Such arrangements are permitted by the law. Our correspondent is not a victim of unjust laws; he is the butt of magisterial venom and tyranny. Every quarter thousands of pounds' worth of rates are forgiven to all sorts and conditions of poverty-stricken people, and it is intolerable that here and there certain magistrates should be permitted to set the law at nought by their maladministration, and to flout the elementary principles of justice.

THE PADRE'S PLASTER.

SELFISH SOLDIER'S SAD SATIRE.

Padre Crabtree is the Chaplain in charge of the military station at Dera Ismail Khan, and at Easter he appealed by means of a leaflet to his soldier-congregation for subscriptions for the Lahore Clergy Society and the local Church Mission. One of the wicked soldiers has sent us a copy of the leaflet, with the statement that, with the temperatures 124 degrees in the shade, he and his chums have depleted their pockets "by applying internal moisture to the body in preference to giving Crabtree money to spoil decent niggers." The Padre has our sympathy; but why doesn't he sell one of the soldiers his motor-bike, and apply the proceeds to his Church Mission?

SICKLY SABBATARIANS.

LINCOLN JUSTICES TRAMPLE ON PUBLIC RIGHTS.

The good old Lord's Day Observance Act, which dates from the reign of the Merry Monarch, has cropped up again.

A week or two ago a whole batch of small traders were brought up at Lincoln City Police Court and fined the regulation five shillings, which is the only penalty permitted by the Act. In one case a woman had sold a lobster on the Sabbath, her excuse being that it would have gone bad if she had kept it till Monday morning. This was surely a reasonable plea and one which should have entitled her to some consideration. There is a widespread impression that perishable goods may be legally sold on Sunday, although no such exemption is afforded by the Act.

Not content with this performance, the Bench proceeded to fine a woman whose crime consisted in selling an egg on a Sunday morning. It appeared that her shop was not really "open" at all, but that she had sold a single egg to oblige a sick neighbour. The Lincoln Magistrates, however, are apparently not accustomed to consider extenuating circumstances, however cogent.

Last of all a newsagent was accused of having sold Sunday papers on Sunday. We presume he should have kept them till Monday morning. There was evidence that the shop was extensively patronised, from which we should have concluded that it supplied a public want in a harmless and legitimate manner. Not so the Lincoln justices, who were evidently "out for blood." Fined also.

We cannot believe that the citizens of Lincoln approve of such vexatious proceedings, and we trust they may find effective means of protesting against such a travesty of justice. It is highly probable that the Chief Constable has acted at the instigation of a clique of kill-joys on the Watch Committee, in which case the ratepayers have the remedy in their own hands. Meanwhile, we are strongly of opinion that the Lord's Day Observance Act of 1677 should be repealed. It is a dead letter except where it becomes an instrument of tyranny in the hands of Sabbatarian fanatics.

"PETITOPHONE" PROPRIETOR'S PROTEST.

HOW AN "AGENCY" ADVERTISEMENT WENT ASTRAY.

Mr. W. E. Harte, of Holydyke, Barton-on-Humber, a reference to whose business was included in our recent article on offers of "home work" to the unemployed, writes us protesting that the blame for any deception which may have arisen should be placed upon the shoulders of the newspaper in which he inserted his advertisement of "marvellous money-making novelties." It appears that, there being no specific direction under which heading the announcement was to be placed, the advertisement manager, noticing the statement that agents were wanted, assumed that it should appear among "Situations Vacant." In doing so he, to our mind, acted not unreasonably, and it is certainly a pity that Mr. Harte, in view of the importance of the point, did not give a clear instruction. We will, however, acquit him of any intentional deception. Whether the out-of-works are likely to achieve fame and fortune by purchasing from Mr. Harte such ingenious "notions" as "Petitophones," "Pocket Stoves" and "Solid Perfumes," with a view to re-selling them at a handsome profit is, however, quite a different matter.

CROWDING OUT TOMMY.

NOT EVEN ROOM FOR THE LIGHT BRIGADE.

We cut the following from a Sussex paper:—

> GROOMS (TWO), thorough, wanted, on the 21st inst. Smart and under nine stone. About 20 to 22 years. Must be from hunting stables, with characters. Army men ignored.

Surely the insult might have been omitted! Obviously "under 9 stone" and "from the hunting stables" is sufficient to bar ex-soldiers. Tommy, make room for your young civilian brother!

£500 for three words. See "Bullets." Page 614.

MILK—AND WATER.

HOW VENDORS ARE VICTIMISED.

Several correspondents have drawn our attention to the unsatisfactory circumstances which frequently attend the prosecution of milk-vendors for offences under the Food and Drugs Act. One or two recent cases have presented remarkable features, and we are by no means satisfied that justice has been done.

Everyone knows the usual procedure of County Council Milk Inspectors. A sample of suspected milk is taken in a haphazard way—sometimes from a vendor on his retail round, sometimes from a dairy, and not infrequently from the milk-churns which are found in their hundreds upon the platforms of certain railway stations. The Food and Drugs Act provides that the sample shall be divided into three parts, one of which is to be left with the seller, and there is a generally recognised rule that such division shall be carried out in the presence of the vendor or of his agent. It appears that in some districts this rule is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. A case recently came before the Burslem Stipendiary in which an Inspector had taken a sample of milk from a boy in the street and had then actually gone into a private house to divide it into three parts, one of which he subsequently handed to the seller. We think that such hole-and-corner proceedings are open to grave objection. Inspectors should carry out their duties with the fullest publicity, in order that there may be no suspicion of carelessness or impropriety.

The conditions of the retail milk trade have undergone a drastic change since the passing of the Food and Drugs Act. To-day almost the whole milk supply of our large towns is sent up from the country by rail, and in many cases the churns travel long distances, and are much handled by the servants of the railway companies. Only the other day two farmers from a remote Wiltshire village were charged before Mr. Plowden, at Marylebone, with a breach of the Act. The offending sample was taken at Paddington Station, and it was sought to render the farmers liable for its condition at a point nearly 100 miles from the station where it was put on rail. But for the fact that their counsel successfully raised a purely technical objection, it is highly probable that the two men would have been convicted. It is, at any rate, certain that magistrates are not accustomed to pay regard to the manifold risks of adulteration in transit. A recent case at Poole, Dorset, illustrates a slightly different aspect of the same problem.

A small milk dealer at Branksome was charged with watering his milk. At the police-court hearing it transpired that the dealer kept no cows, but was in the habit of receiving a daily supply of milk from a village in Dorset which he in turn consigned to a large firm of milk retailers at Bournemouth.

The defendant declares that he did not touch the milk in any way, but sent it on to Bournemouth in precisely the condition it was received. His milk had been sampled a great many times and nothing whatever was known against him. The magistrate found, however, that the milk "had been adulterated somewhere," and the unhappy dealer was mulcted in a fine of £5 5s. and costs—a back-breaking impost for a man in a humble way of business.

We are by no means oblivious to the vital importance of a pure and nutritive milk supply, but it is surely hard that farmers and dealers should be held responsible for adulteration unless it is clearly brought home to them. The dangers of interference with the milk in the course of railway transit are obvious. The churns are not locked—they must be open to inspection. This grave risk, coupled with the somewhat slip-shod methods of certain Inspectors, calls for drastic safeguards in the interests of justice.

"JOHN BULL" DERBY SWEEP.

We cannot receive applications for tickets, or act as agents in remitting money, in connection with this Sweepstake. ALL *communications must be addressed to Patrick O'Brien, Geneva, Switzerland.*

A PROHIBITED POST-MORTEM.

LONDON HOSPITAL AND BEREAVED HUSBAND.

Last week we published a letter from the Hon. Sydney Holland, admitting that, despite the widower's emphatic prohibition of a *post-mortem* upon his deceased wife, such an examination had been held, Mr. Holland emphatically asserting that it had been done without the knowledge of the Hospital authorities. It will be remembered that we omitted the last paragraph of the Chairman's letter, pending investigation of what we regarded as an aspersion upon the motive of Mr. Isbell in making the matter public. The withheld portion of the letter was as follows:—

> I could have bought silence if I had chosen to accept the suggestion that a money payment to Mr. Isbell's son would end the matter. But I did not think that that would be a right course for me to adopt, nor did I see that it was a matter for pecuniary compensation. At all big Hospitals, and, in fact, in all big undertakings, mistakes must be made and human rules break down, and that has happened in this case. Fair criticism is very useful to us, and certainly never resented by me.

In answer to this, Mr. Isbell states that he had a conversation with a professional man by whom he was occasionally employed, and mentioned that had he been in a position to do so he would have brought an action for damages against the Hospital—not because he wished to benefit personally, but as a lesson to the authorities and to give effect to the poor woman's wish that the baby should be provided for to the best of the parents' ability. We are bound to say that we regard Mr. Holland's reference to the matter as somewhat ungenerous.

THANK YOU FOR NOTHING!

GENEROSITY OF THE GRENADIER GUARDS.

We do not know who is responsible for drafting the following document, but as it is signed by "V. Vivian, Captain and Adjutant," he must wear the cap and bells, at least *pro tem.*:—

> Regimental Orderly Room,
> First or Grenadier Guards,
> Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.
> *9th April*, 1913.
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> 1. It has been decided to allow Reservists of the Brigade of Guards, who wish to do so, to attend a Review of the Brigade by His Majesty the King on Monday, the 28th instant.
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> 2. It must be distinctly understood, however, that all travelling and other expenses will have to be borne entirely by the men themselves, and railway warrants cannot be used, but a dinner will be provided free after the Review.
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> 3. If possible, Postmen, Policemen, Commissionaires, &c., should attend in uniform.
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> 4. Medals should be worn by those having them.
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> 5. Umbrellas and walking-sticks will not be carried.
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> 6. Those attending will report to the Duke of York's School, King's Road, Chelsea, between eight and nine o'clock a.m.
>
> 7. If you intend to be present please sign and return the enclosed post-card by Wednesday, the 23rd instant. If not attending, please destroy postcard.
>
> 8. If you attend, this letter is to be produced by you on your arrival.
>
> V. VIVIAN, *Captain,*
> *Regimental Adjutant, Grenadier Guards.*

The Reservist who forwards us this document lives over 200 miles from London, is married, with a family, and is in receipt of 25s. per week. He suggests that if the Grenadiers wish to make a bold show on parade the Military authorities should be able to pay for it. The mention of the free dinner makes our friend laugh. He tells us that if the Grenadier's dinners are no better than when he lived in the barrack room, his civilian dog would not touch it!

VERY "RARE" FRUIT.

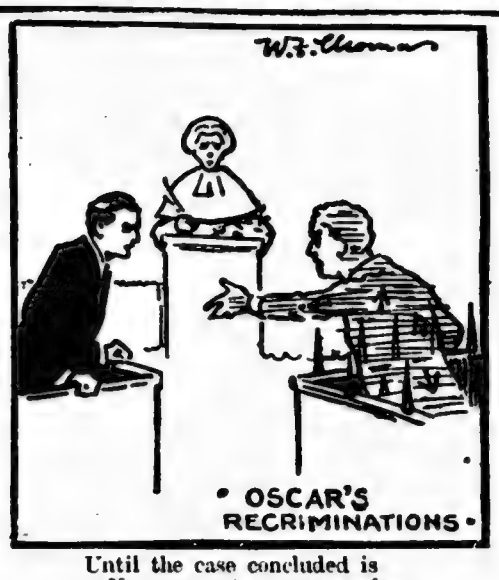
At the last meeting of the Kesteven Insurance Committee it was proposed to insert the following rule:—"An insured person shall not summon a medical practitioner to visit him between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m." If we had been present we should have suggested another; to wit, "Insurance persons shall not have their ninepence for fourpence in any circumstances whatever!"

£50 for a "Mauve" Coupon. See page 607.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

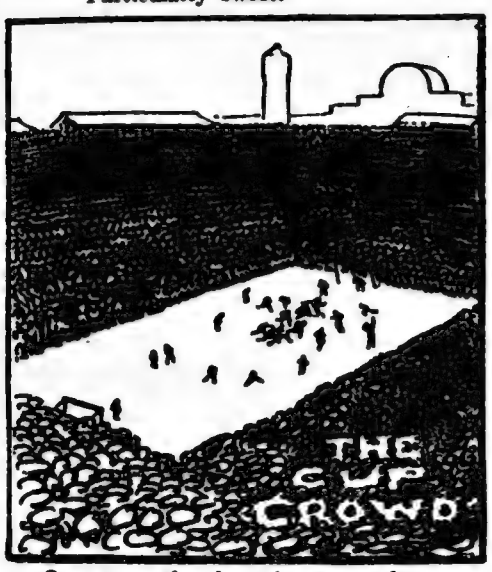
BULL-DOGGEREL RHYMES BY "THE BOW-WOW."

Hundreds their tribute wear, or bring
To great Disraeli's feet,
To whom the primrose was a thing
Particularly sweet.



Until the case concluded is
No comment may we make,
Except to briefly say that this
Means business for the rake.

John Bull awakens from his dreams
At "Bob's" insistent call,
Who rather worse than useless deems
The Territorial.



Once more the champion teams do meet
Before a record crowd,
And Sunderland's condign defeat
Makes Aston Villa proud.

Because some Germans baited are
In Nancy's ancient town,
The Teutons almost threaten war,
So bellicose they've grown.

The suffragettes a childish prank
Perform, and think it great;
They fly—because their cause is rank—
Their flag o'er Billingsgate.

CHILLY CHARITY.

HOW THE "BOY'S BEST FRIEND" IS SOMETIMES TREATED.

We are constantly receiving heartrending letters from poor persons, chiefly widows and deserted wives with large families, concerning the inhuman treatment they receive at the hands of the Poor Law Officials. One which we have received from Mrs. Webb, of Coventry, is a typical illustration. Four years ago (she tells us) she and her four children were deserted by her husband. She struggled on for some time to keep her home together, and then the two eldest boys (twins), aged 14 years, were taken ill, and she was forced to apply to the Guardians for help, with the result that the lads were sent to a Boys' Home at Liverpool, where they remained for two years, and one is earning 11s. and the other 10s. a week. So far so good. But the mother a few months ago received a letter from the Master of the Home stating that the lads are to be sent to Canada. She had a friend there to whom she wrote, and he advised her strongly not to let them go there on any account. She thereupon wrote to the Master asking him to send them to her, as she could get them situations in Coventry. She was requested to remit the fares. This was done on the 18th December last, but up to the present they have not come to her, and the only satisfaction she can get in response to her many letters is the statement that they will "arrive in a few days." We hope they will—but we have our doubts, as we know of many cases where boys have been sent to Canada in spite of strong protests of the parents.

STRANGE BEDFELLOWS.

ALLAHABAD ARTILLERYMEN AND AGRA ASSASSIN.

It is astonishing to what extent sentiment is ingrained in the British soldier. For several reasons, perhaps, it is well that this should be the case. As a rule, the military authorities are most eager to foster this spirit in all ranks; we are therefore at a loss to understand why they are closing their eyes (and ears) to the grave discontent that is smouldering at the present time amongst the troops at Allahabad.

The circumstances of the murders at Agra by a Lieut. Clark and Mrs. Fulham are well known. Clark, by the way, being a self-confessed murderer, by an Army Order dated March 10th was removed from the Service, and thus at the time of his death was a civilian. On March 26th he was executed, and subsequently his body was interred in the Military cemetery at Kydgunge. Now it seems that the body of this murderer is buried in consecrated ground, ext to a Bombardier of the 82nd Company R.G.A., who died about eight months ago. We have no reason to believe that the spirit of the Bombardier would object to the remains of Clark resting beside his, but it happens that the Bombardier's friends in the 82nd feel very much annoyed that a murderer should be allowed to rest alongside their comrade, and as a Regimental protest has met with no result they have appealed to us. We have, therefore, made the facts public. We would, however, remind our military friends that a good many murderers—according to repute—go to Heaven!

Fortunes and Holiday Money. Turn to page 607; then to page 614.

PERSECUTING THE POOR.

"BRITISH" JUSTICE FOR AN ALIEN OFFENDER.

A recent case at Barnstaple affords an apt illustration of the vexatious way in which the law is frequently administered at obscure Country Courts.

In December last, Antonio Miele, an Italian organ-grinder, had an altercation with a compatriot, one Roggerio Ruscillo, as a result of which he was brought before the Barnstaple Bench, on a charge of using threats. The Magistrates bound him over to keep the peace for twelve months, and ordered him to find two sureties in the sum of five pounds. The alternative was a month's imprisonment. It is always extremely difficult for a foreigner to find sureties, so poor Antonio had to go to jail.

He seems to have served his sentence cheerfully enough, but since his release in February last he has received a letter from the Justices' Clerk demanding payment of a sum of £1 3s. 6d., the costs of the court at his trial. The epistle contains a peremptory intimation that unless the money is paid forthwith a distraint will be levied for the amount, with the ever-present alternative of a further period of imprisonment in default of adequate distress. Miele very reasonably pleads that he thought the sentence of a month's imprisonment would fully expiate his offence and clear him from all liability. We should certainly have taken the same view. The Magistrates should have made an appropriate order with regard to costs at the time of the hearing, and it will be nothing short of a scandal if Miele should again be deprived of his liberty upon any such trifling pretext. Such "cat and mouse" methods are entirely alien to British ideas of justice and fair play. It is particularly desirable that foreigners who come to our Courts should be treated with scrupulous fairness.

We call upon the Barnstaple Magistrates to take timely action to avert any such miscarriage of justice as is threatened by the proceedings of their Clerk.

CALLOUS CADIS.

PUNISHMENTS THAT MISFIT THE CRIME.

Our comments upon a recent case have brought us a number of letters, which tend to show that many magistrates are wont to evince a cruel callousness in their dealings with men who, for one reason or another, are in arrears with Maintenance Orders. We by no means suggest that justices should accept any trifling excuse as a plea for the evasion of legal obligations, but we do urge most strongly that a man's reasons for non-payment should be fairly scrutinised in the light of sympathy and common sense. One correspondent assures us that he is absolutely afraid to apply to the Liverpool Stipendiary for a variation of his Order lest he should be sent to prison, and this although his case appears to be a particularly hard one and his alleged misfortunes thoroughly genuine. Imprisonment should surely be reserved for wilful defaulters. Our law never intended that it should be the punishment of poverty. There should be a large measure of elasticity. Magistrates who administer the law in a perfunctory fashion, and without regard to the merits of individual cases, are unfit for their office.

COLLECTING BOXES

London.—Mr. W. J. Gowing, "King's Head," 28, Church St., Shoreditch, 1s. 9½d.; Mr. W. F. Mills, 15, Arthur Rd., Victoria Rd., Stoke Newington, 1s. 0½d.; "Sympathiser," 10s. 11d.; Mr. F. Costa, "The West End Hotel," Coventry St., 2s. 9d.; Mr. E. Morgan, "The Blackstock," Morgan's Corner, Finsbury Park, 1s. 8d.; Mr. F. W. Pile, 33, Southwark Bridge Rd., 1s. 1d.; Mrs. Marks, "Archduke Charles," Rodney Rd., Walworth, 1s. 9d.; Mr. A. Chaplin, "The Angel," 73, Lambeth Walk, 1s. 5d.; Mr. E. H. Westley, "The Castle," Old Kent Rd., S.E., 1s. 1d.; Mr. F. Huggins, "Brunswick Arms," Stamford St., 2s.; Mr. A. Bellatti, "The Sadlers," Swallow St., 1s. 5d.; Mr. C. Besser, "Black Horse," 19, Tottenham Court Rd., 2s. 3½d.; Mr. W. R. Perry, "Blue Posts," Tottenham Court Rd., 3s. 11d.; Mr. H. Beeching, 243, Junction Rd., Holloway, 1s. 1d.; Mr. J. Cogger, "The Antelope," 48, Weston St., Bermondsey, 1s. 1½d.; Mr. J. H. Stribling, "Carpenters Arms," 105, Kings Cross Rd., 1s. 1d.; Mr. R. S. Tolputt, "The Crown," Crown Street, Fleet Street, 1s.; Mr. S. W. Spratt, 70, High St., Ilford, 1s. 10d.; Mr. P. Backer, 256, Walworth Rd., 2s. 1d.; Mr. W. Christie, "The Hope," Monkton St., Lambeth, 2s.; Messrs. Mace, Rainbow and Stone, 23, Leman St., 5s. 8d.; Mr. D. Hawkins, "Duke of York," High St., Shadwell, 1s. 6d.; Mr. J. Brockington, "Silver Trumpet," 472, Commercial Rd., 2s. 1d.; Mr. J. Egram, 261, Bow Rd., 1s. 3d.; Mr. E. C. Gilforth, "King's Arms," 357, Cable St., Stepney, 1s.; Mr. E. Pulman, 8, Burdett Rd., Bow, 1s.

Total £2 14s. 10½d., of which we have allocated 14s. 10½d. to CCXXXIX., £1 to CCXLI., and £1 to CCXLII.

HUMAN DOCUMENT.—CCXLIII.

[In this column every week we publish particulars of some human derelict whose case, after full investigation, we are able to recommend to the charity of our readers. We are happy to say that in this way we have already been the means of bringing comfort into many a wretched home. All amounts subscribed are duly acknowledged, and no deduction of any kind is made by us.]

THE SIN OF THE FATHER.

The ways of life are truly inexplicable. A person for a number of years will apparently be an ideal citizen, when suddenly he is detected in crime. We doubt very much if anyone can fathom the causes of many of the cases of moral breakdown which are brought to the notice of the public daily through the columns of the newspapers. A man commits, say, a theft. If he is poor, it may be accounted for by the fact that he stole in order that he might live. But in many instances persons steal without any apparent motive for doing so. The person convicted of the offence is punished by being imprisoned, but in ninety per cent. of the cases the punishment is not felt by the culprit so much as by those dependent upon him for support. Such a case is the following, which we place before our readers. After full investigation, we can, indeed, say that the old Biblical law regarding "the sins of the fathers" has been fulfilled. A postman, married, with two children, was in receipt of a sufficient wage to keep his wife and family in decent circumstances. He had been in the postal service for no fewer than fifteen years, and held an exemplary character. Suddenly he was detected in stealing a postal order for 21s. When taxed with the crime, the man at once admitted it. His sentence was eight months' imprisonment. In prison he, at any rate, is sheltered and fed; his wife and children are, however, left to the mercy of the world. They can either go into the workhouse and become paupers, or remain outside and starve. We have interviewed the woman in question. She is no more than 26 years of age, and is naturally desirous of saving herself and her little ones from the stigma of the workhouse. The family reside in the N.E district of London, and if any of our readers can assist her by means of offers of work, we shall be glad to put them in touch with her. We may add that she could arrange to have her little ones cared for during her absence if she could return home in the evening. Any monetary help which may be forwarded we will see properly administered.

We have received the following amounts, which we have duly forwarded to the subjects of the "Human Documents" named:—

CCXXXII.—E. F. S., 8s.

CCXXXIX.—J. R. M., 4d.

CCXL.—"A Junior Clerk," 2s.; J. T., 2s. 6d; "Parkside," 10s.

CCXLI.—M. A. T., 7s. 6d.; W. P., 1s.; D. J., 2s.; W. S. T., 2s. 6d.; J. R., 5s.; E. P., 2s. 6d.; "Sympathiser, H .H.," 2s. 6d.; M. E. M., 1s.; "Salopian," 2s. 6d.; J. E. K., 1s.; W. H. T., 1s.; A. F. (York), 2d.; "Competitor," 6d.; "The Bull" (Bordon), 2s. 6d.; J. L., 1s.; J. N. S., 3d.

CCXLII.—"Ivy Mary," 5s.; "Don," 6d.; M. T., 2d.; Private J. R., 6d.; "Violet," 5s.; J. B., 2s. 6d.; B. D., 2s. 6d.; "Three of Us," 7s. 6d.; "Oxford," 2s.; "Agnes," 2s.; J. W. D., 2s. 6d.; H. M., 5s.; M. N., 5s.

"An Ill Wind," &c.—We have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of 21s. 6d. from the Hon. Secretary of the Sergeants' Mess of the 22nd Batn. County of London (Queen's) Regiment, Drill Hall, Bermondsey, representing the total of penny fines self-imposed upon the gallant members for lapses in language. Although such slips are, of course, morally regrettable, we hope that there will still remain in the regiment a few imitators of that martial heroine, Queen Bess! The amount will be handed to the subject of "Human Document" CCXLII.

"JOHN BULL'S BOYS."

We have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt from J. L. (Castleford) of 25s. 6d., being money subscribed by the tugmen of the Aire and Calder Navigation.

Result of our No. 4 Football Competition. See page 585.

INDIGESTION

Sleeplessness—Pains after Eating—Nausea

BANISHED BY

MOTHER SEIGEL'S SYRUP.

Mr. P. V. Walsh, of Laurel Cottage, Meriden Road, Coventry, writes on November 28th, 1912: "For many years I was a schoolmaster in the Army, and while stationed at Agra, in India, suffered fearfully from Indigestion. This was a new and painful experience for me who had always enjoyed good health and a reputation for unusual strength. Sleeplessness, pains after eating, sickness and frequent nausea were the principal symptoms in my case.

"This condition of health continued for nearly five years, and then the time arrived for me to return home. I confidently expected the change would put a speedy end to my sufferings. But it did nothing of the sort. I was just as bad in England as in India.

"In 1910 I was on a visit to some of my wife's relations in Beaminster, and while there heard of a remarkable cure of Indigestion by Mother Seigel's Syrup. Much against my will, and solely to please my wife's father, I agreed to try the remedy, and was surprised and gratified at the result. The benefit began within three days, and by the time I had taken several small bottles I was well. I have been speaking of July, 1910, and Indigestion has never once troubled me since."

Indigestion, if neglected, can undermine the strength of the strongest man. In Mr. Walsh's case it made him weak and miserable for nearly five years. If you suffer as he did, why not follow his example, and let Mother Seigel's Syrup remove the complaint? Take it in daily doses and you will soon feel the benefit. But firmly refuse all substitutes.

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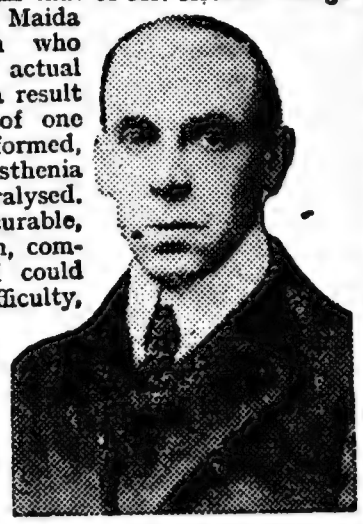

Mr. Felton, Maida Vale.

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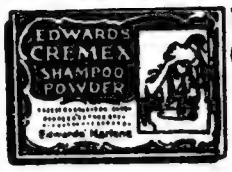

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NAME.....

ADDRESS .....

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JOHN BULL, April 26.

PAPER BOY: "'Allo, Bill, goin' on yer 'oneymoon?"

IMAGINARY INTERVIEWS.

By Walter Moore.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont.

Some of you, my readers, may wonder who on earth is Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont that she should be honoured with notice in the pages of John Bull. I will tell you.

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont possesses two claims to distinction. Firstly, she is an American Society Leader. Whether this raises her in your estimation or not is your affair. Secondly, she is the mother of the Duchess of Marlborough. But that is no fault of the Duchess.

It was announced in the Press last week that "Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont is so annoyed with the attitude of the British Government towards Women's Suffrage that she has decided to make her presence in England this summer conspicuous by its absence. . . . Mrs. Belmont has an immense circle of American friends who cross the Atlantic every season, and if her influence counts for anything the British Isles are likely to suffer something like a Yankee boycott."

Immediately I had read this terrible news I felt that the only course open to me was to cross to New York by the first swift steamer and endeavour to shake Mrs. O. H. P.'s cruel resolution.

I was received coldly. I fell upon my knees. Mrs. O. H. P.'s long upper lip stiffened ominously.

"Oh, Mrs. O. H. P.!" I cried, "devoted mother of one of England's darling duchesses, do not level this deadly blow at the land which shelters your daughter and, incidentally, provided her with a coronet. Come to us as of old, with your train of nasal satellites (if you will permit the expression) and splash your dollars about in customary Yankee style—that is to say, when there are plenty of people looking on."

"I guess I shan't," replied Mrs. O. H. P. "Yew've handed out to Mrs. Pankhurst three years' stretch, so I shan't spend a single dollar in England this year—I'm durned if I do. So yew kin quit."

"Let me act as arbitrator in this bitter quarrel," I pleaded. "Tell me your terms, and I will convey them to the British Government, aye, to His Majesty the King, if need be."

"Waal," drawled the queenly lady, "I guess yew must first squash the sentence on Mrs. Pankhurst, and yew must give women the vote right now."

"I will convey your message to the British Government, the British people, and John Bull immediately upon my return," I said. "But suppose they fail to see the justice of your demands? What then?"

"Then I shan't come. Nor nary a one of my friends. We'll take our dollars to France and spend them there."

"But do you realise what this will mean to England?" I asked.

"I guess so. It means you'll be durned short of dollars next fall."

"Ah, it means more than that," I exclaimed. "It means that for one summer at least we shall be free from that class of Yankee visitor who is often a nuisance, invariably an annoyance, and sometimes positively injurious to the British nation, who measures everybody and everything by the dollar standard and appears to imagine that all our most honoured and cherished national relics, monuments, and shrines are for sale provided the price offered be large enough. As for you, madam, you gave us a delightful duchess, it is true, but that has not given you the right to dictate to us with regard to our domestic politics. You fail to grasp one of the essentials of the British character. The loss of a few Yankee dollars will not deter us from inflicting punishment on the guilty, nor induce us to deal lightly with the evil-doer. All the same, I will convey your ultimatum. Good day."

Our Great New Summer Competition. Particulars on page 607.

AN OFFER TO READERS.

NEWSPAPER'S £5 NOTE.

An enterprising Journal recently offered a £5 note to the highest bidder, just to test the selling powers of the paper. Whilst the note was eventually disposed of for £4 10s., a number of applicants treated the offer as a huge joke.

A well-known firm of tailors, Messrs. H. Thomas & Co., of 142, Gray's Inn Road, London, W.C., offer to make a Gent's Complete well-made stylish Suit to measure for only 15s. 6d. Whilst this offer, which is made only to "John Bull" readers, is no less startling than the paper's offer of a £5 note, it is perfectly honest, and made by a responsible firm.

The materials are good, which you can see before ordering as samples are sent free, and a guarantee is given that if not entirely satisfactory goods are given, money is returned in full.

Send a post-card or call to-day for patterns, measure chart, and fashion sheet. Mention "John Bull," for these 15s. 6d. measure garments are essentially "John Bull" offers. See offer underneath

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CONSUMPTION.

THE NEW CURE.

The following are names and addresses of three people who were in the supposed hopeless stage of Consumption, but who have been brought back to health by the new cure. Their names are published for the benefit of JOHN BULL readers who want first-hand evidence that even far-advanced cases of Consumption can now be saved. Anyone interested may write or call on some or all of them to learn directly from their own lips how they have been given a new lease of life and good health.

Miss Marion Olley, 69, Sangley Road, Catford, S.E., carried out of Brompton Hospital as incurable and a hopeless case of Consumption, cured eighteen months ago, now in good health.

Mr. S. Skipworth, 7, Ritches Road, Harringay, N., after suffering from Consumption for ten years, could not walk fifty yards when commencing the new cure, but has now been at work for four years without any sign of his disease returning, enjoying perfect health.

Mrs. G. T. Whiteman, 4, Filmers Cottages, Love Lane, St. Margaret's Street, Rochester, Kent, given up as hopeless, but cured four years ago, still in perfect health and working as a tailoress from ten to sixteen hours per day.

If you are a Consumptive yourself never mind if your doctor and the specialist have told you they can do no more for you, sanatorium treatment, open air, and change of climate failed to give you relief, send a postcard to Mr. Chas. H. Stevens, 204, Worple Road, Wimbledon, for full particulars of this new cure and records of the wonderful recoveries it has brought about, or if you will give him details of your case he will send you a supply of it (the cure) on the "No Cure No Pay" principle, that is, you are only asked to pay for it if perfectly satisfied with the benefit you receive from it and consider the progress made warrants its continuance until you are completely cured. Names and addresses of cured patients in nearly all parts of the world sent on request.—ADVT.

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OPEN LETTERS, POSTCARDS AND TELEGRAMS.

To the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P.

Dear Arthur,—In the course of your recent speech before the Senior Committee of the Corporation of the City of London, replying to the toast "The Houses of Parliament," you said: "I do not think that a debate in the House of Commons is looked to in all parts of the kingdom and abroad with the same respect or interest or attention as it was when I was a younger politician. *If that be so it is a great tragedy.*" You stated a fact, but did not stay to suggest the cause. It is, as a man of your mental calibre and breadth of mind must know, because the more intelligent of the general public have begun to see through the hollow sham of Party politics; because they begin to suspect the disinterested patriotism of a body of professional politicians—lawyers, cranks, and humbugs—because they are gradually detecting the absurdity of filling the chief offices of State with men utterly ignorant of the matters with which they are called upon to deal; because they cannot but smile at the spectacle of a journalist and soldier at the head of the Navy, a yeomanry colonel at the head of the Army, a shipowner controlling the Agricultural Department, a solicitor masquerading as Chancellor of the Exchequer—when all those, and other posts equally unsuitably occupied, might be filled by men thoroughly qualified by knowledge and experience to perform their duties with the utmost efficiency. They are tired, too, of seeing the defences of the nation being used as a pawn in the Party game; and they are beginning to ask themselves whether it is not time that all this mass of mockery, dishonesty, puerilities, futilities, jobbery and dangerous inefficiency that passes to-day for Parliament were swept away and in its place erected a Business Government, free from the inconsistencies and anomalies of Party, and determined not only to uphold British prestige and interests throughout the world, but also to develop to the uttermost the resources of Great Britain and thereby increase beyond conception the happiness of the masses of the people.

John Bull.

To the Right Hon. Lord Rosebery.

Dear Lord Rosebery,—That was a charming speech of yours at the recent Press Club dinner, but there was a vein of sadness in it. Was it your "swan song"—and must you really go?

Why this premature passion for solitude? Have we treated you so very badly that at the last you should wish to shut yourself up in your Scottish retreat, unfriended and alone?

We can ill spare you. I know that Politics are a sorry game, and many of us have been fain to seek a "lonely furrow," but there was a time when most of your countrymen would gladly have trusted their political consciences to your keeping, and it will be hard to say "good-bye."

Think it over. You have had most of the world's good things within your grasp. Wealth, honour, and power have been yours. *Noblesse oblige*—and we may need you yet. I remember that you were one of the first to plead for "efficiency" in Government.

John Bull.

To the Right Hon. C. F. G. Masterman, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury.

Dear Whitewasher,—I observe that you have given a "special interview" to a representative of the *Daily Chronicle* for the purpose of "reporting progress" upon the Insurance Act. Apparently you see no flaws in the measure. You cannot be expected to. Your spaniel-like devotion to its author precludes criticism of his work. Moreover, you have been carefully schooled in the art of applying the telescope to the blind eye. You were ever an apt pupil.

By-the-bye, I see that you airily remarked—"the numerous cracks and interstices of our intricate industrial organisation are gradually being filled up."

Is this really your conversational style? It must be horribly wearying to your friends—I can't speak of your admirers.

John Bull.

To the Right Hon. J. A. Pease, M.P., Board of Education, Whitehall.

Dear "Jack,"—I am heartily glad that you have induced the Treasury to increase the grant to Trade Schools. These schools are fulfilling a highly useful function in fitting our lads for the real business of life, and I look forward to a great increase in their number. Pray do not overlook the fact that, come what may, thousands of the scholars who pass through the elementary schools are destined to earn their living by manual labour. At present, far too many of them are leaving with but a modicum of training in the skill of hand and eye.

This state of affairs is a reproach to the nation. Your recent remarks indicate that you have realised the necessity for extended instruction in simple handicraft. I hail your pronouncement as an earnest of good things to come—if only you will defy Party prejudices!

John Bull.

To Mr. Arthur Barker, Poor Rate Collector, Wolverhampton.

Dear Collector,—I see you are about to make a change. Soon, the door-knockers that knew you will know you no more. No longer will you be concerned with Demand Notes, Final Notices, Summonses and all the sinister paraphernalia with which you have been wont to harass the citizens of Wolverhampton. You have chosen a higher calling. Henceforth you will minister in holy things.

There is a certain fitness in the change. Appointed to a cure of souls, you will find your earlier experiences of potent value. Pastoral visiting will be child's play to you. You will enter the cottages of the poor as to the manner born, but with this difference—that whereas before you were an unwelcome and unwanted visitant from whom householders hid and children fled, you will now be an honoured guest at many a humble board.

At times, no doubt, when bazaars or rummage sales are to the fore, or there is a debt on the Parish Room, or the church is in disrepair, you will need just the very slightest application of your old powers of persuasion. But a mere hint from you will be more efficacious than whining and obsequious appeals from those who lack the artistic touch of long professional use.

Methinks you have chosen wisely.

John Bull.

To E. C. T. D'Eyncourt, Esq., Camberwell Police Court.

Dear Cadi,—Congratulations on your recent refusal to grant a summons against a muffin man for ringing his bell on Sunday. You are reported to have said: "The muffin bell is as much a part of Sunday as the church bell." Allow me to add that it is far less objectionable. The muffin man's bell is familiar, its appetising tinkle falls on the expectant ear from afar, draws near, passes, and is gone. He comes with his silvery sound what time the cups and saucers start to rattle, the kettle to sing, and the fire to clear itself so it may delicately bronze the pitted and perspiring faces of the muffin and the crumpet. *Vive* the muffin bell! And *à bas* the distracting tintinnabulations of the tabernacle—always except the genuine melody which wafts over the country hills and dales at eventide.

John Bull.

To Jno. W. Hughes, Esq., Surveyor, Town Hall, Llangollen.

Dear Jno.,—Last year you published an advertisement in a Liverpool newspaper to the effect that the Llangollen Urban District Council wanted designs for laying out a pleasure garden on the banks of the River Dee, the successful competitor to receive the handsome prize of £2 2s. You undertook to send a plan and particulars to any applicant, *on receipt of* 2s. 6*d*. As designs were to be sent in so as to reach you not later than Wednesday, February 26th last, you are doubtless now in the position to inform me how many half-crowns you received, whether the total number exceeded in amount the £2 2s. offered as a prize, and if so, what has become of the balance. I will say no more at present.

John Bull.

H. S. Sankey, City Remembrancer, London.

Now that you have been appointed City Remembrancer at £1,000 a year, hope you won't be moody, Sankey.

Bull.

Ramsay Macdonald, M.P., Calcutta.

News received you have shot your first tiger. It wasn't looking at the time, was it?

Bull.

Result of our No. 4 Football Competition. See page 585.

AN UNEXPECTED "ENCOUNTER."

THE ARRIVAL OF A RIVAL.

THE GREAT EMIGRATION LIE.

BEING NOTES AND WARNINGS FROM "JOHN BULL" READERS WHO HAVE LEFT THE OLD HOME.

The ever-increasing circulation of John Bull in the Dominion, the Commonwealth, South Africa, and British Colonies generally, has brought us into intimate touch with many hundreds of men and women in various stations of life who have left the homeland to seek a living, if not a fortune, overseas. Every mail brings piles of "human documents"; all sorts of stories of life and conditions in the new lands. In the ordinary way it has been impossible to do justice to those who have so much of interest and import to tell us in regard to what we have called "The Great Emigration Lie." We have therefore decided, as space permits, to devote an occasional page of John Bull to overseas communications in the hope that they will not only do something to scotch the audacious mendacities of shipping agents and official emigration boosters, but will serve to inform intending emigrants of the actual conditions they may expect to find in their distant homes. Truth is light; and truth is what we seek, and what we trust overseas readers will assist us to find.

An Almost Hopeless Task.

Writing from Geraldton, Western Australia, H. C. R. says:—

> It is heartbreaking to see the poor souls carrying their "swags" from one town to another in the almost helpless task of obtaining work, and to me it seems criminal to continue luring them out to their inevitable doom. Can nothing be done? The emigration lie is indeed an awful black spot on the Empire's programme. Thank God, I have been of some little assistance to some of the unfortunate men who have come to me for help, but it is but as a drop in the ocean.

A Criminal Confidence Trick.

Describing the Emigration policy as a "Criminal Confidence Trick," the Australian *Truth* remarks:—

> The words "criminal confidence trick," are used in cold blood, with a full appreciation of their meaning, and are used because they best convey the truth. That the inducements our English immigration agents are offering, and have offered all along, are unjustifiable everyone knows, or should know, and that hundreds of immigrants have found themselves stranded and disillusioned here in W.A. soon after their arrival everyone also knows, or should know. In other words, we, the State, are to-day engaged in a business wherein we book orders, accept the cash, and fail to deliver the goods. All are unconsciously guilty, and all should lose no time in ceasing to be parties to such a wicked, cruel business. Apart, however, from the aspect of being partners in a fraudulent business, and the natural desire one has to be free from such a taint, there should be that element of common humanity in us which prevents our viewing hardship and suffering with unconcern.

Nearly 1,000 Miners Idle.

A Ballarat miner, who proceeded to Broken Hill in search of employment, says the Melbourne *Age*, states that on reaching the Barrier he at once applied for work, but, to his astonishment, he found at every mine office scores of unemployed men on the same errand. Three times a day for several days he called at the various offices, but not even a week's work was obtainable. He estimated that there were close on 1,000 miners on the Barrier waiting for employment.

Land Bunkum.

R. T. C., of Sydney, says:—

> It's all very well for politicians to call for newcomers and boast about the golden opportunity of Australia. Let me say any person throwing up fair employment, one where a man is managing to keep his family together on two or three pounds a week or less, is crazy to come here. The Australians look on all emigrants or newcomers in the same light as Canadians do on *Italians*. No wonder they want others to go into the country; all Australians are too wise to try it. They know the conditions of unbearable heat, hard living, and no cool breeze day or night. No part of the country of South Africa or Rhodesia or Natal can equal the heat of Australia; only the coastal and over-crowded towns are fit to live in, and the Australians tell you candidly that the newcomers must go into the country. But what to do? All the best land is held long ago, and any new land thrown open and balloted for, with the result, if it's any good at all, the old timer knows exactly *how to get it*, not the immigrant, unless its a useless piece one cannot keep a goat on.

Not a Living Wage.

This also from A. C., at Sydney:—

> I enclose you a cutting from the Sydney *Morning Herald* of Monday, the 10th instant, thinking you might possibly like to insert it in your valuable paper, for the English people who migrate to this country are very much misled: heavy tariffs and taxation in this country. Eight shillings per day is the unskilled man's wage, and it is not a living wage out here, not even if you had regular work, which you seldom do.

"Fed Up with Canada."

A reader in Toronto, writing under this pseudonym, says:—

> In spite of your numerous warnings to Canadian emigrants this year, the steamship and railway companies are anticipating a still greater rush. It is a great pity so many do not consider seriously the climatic conditions. I am enclosing one or two cuttings from local papers of people frozen to death or totally maimed; there are hundreds of such every year. I have been two years in various parts, including the part you see, or, rather, you hear so much of—Sunny Alberta; but this will be my last winter, as I have had nose and ears frozen badly each time. Last year it was 62 below zero, but it has not been nearly so cold this. The country is bad for rheumatism—hundreds are afflicted, where in the old country they were free; also where the wages are supposed to be double, it is only for a short period. A man with half in England is better off, as the cost of living is more than double and very little comforts; hundreds returned this year to England, resolved never to return to this country.

Not Sufficient Money.

T. W. L. (Regina, Sask., Canada), writes as follows:—

> Regina is the capital of Saskatchewan, and is also called the "Queen City of the West." It is advertised, I suppose, all over the world (London, England, included), that this city has innumerable advantages and inexhaustible resources. With all these things, if these reports are true, is it not surprising that there are hundreds of men, with and without families, who are living in insanitary dwellings and overcrowded quarters? The reason, of course, is that the masters, who usually contribute liberally to the church, do not pay the men sufficient money to live in a respectable manner, and so we have whole families living in a little hut or shack; indeed, I knew of a case where two brothers and two sisters (the whole bunch were between 20 and 30 years of age) lived in a shack 12 feet by 16 feet.

Does not Care a Jot.

Major E. Pottinger, one of the foremost farmers in the Abbotsford district of Vancouver, states that:—

> Through the agency of beautifully illustrated pamphlets describing the advantages of British Columbia as the finest farming country in the world the settler is induced to emigrate, and when he reaches the land of promise the Government does not care a jot what becomes of him. They have to find out for themselves the most reliable and trustworthy sources to gain information as to the best locality to settle in, and invariably they fall into the hands of unscrupulous land speculators, who endeavour to induce the settlers to invest in lots.

Spreading the Net.

The Canadian Pacific Railway are evidently making strenuous endeavours to turn to their advantage the discontent that is at present showing itself in the ranks of the catering trade. Here is the latest dodge. The advertisement is from a London newspaper dated April 4th:—

> REQUIRED at once, for service in the Canadian Pacific Railway, Dining Car Department, first-class Chefs, Second, Third, and Fourth Cooks, also first-class Waiters. High wages paid and steady employment assured. Applicants to pay fare and sail within one month.—Apply personally, with references, to Mr. Watson, Canadian Pacific Railway Office, Craven Hotel, Craven Street, Strand, London, between the hours of ten and five p.m.

On arrival at Craven Street we found a little girl in charge of the employment bureau. We naturally asked to see Mr. Watson, but the child told us that he was away in Liverpool, and would not return for at least ten days. We are sorry that we could not see the gentleman, because we had some rather pertinent questions to ask him—amongst them, "How comes it that the Canadian Pacific Railway are advertising for car attendants in Great Britain, when there are, to our knowledge, thousands of competent unemployed, both in Montreal and Toronto, desperately eager to take *any* work?"

Fortunes and Holiday Money. Turn to page 607; then to page 614.

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WHEREVER YOU LIVE you need not have the least hesitation in entrusting us with your order, as it is a firm rule in all Graves transactions for each order to be executed subject to the goods being entirely satisfactory after delivery and full examination. It should therefore be clearly understood that merely sending your order and remittance commits you to nothing whatever, unless you are satisfied with the machine after trial, and decide to keep it.

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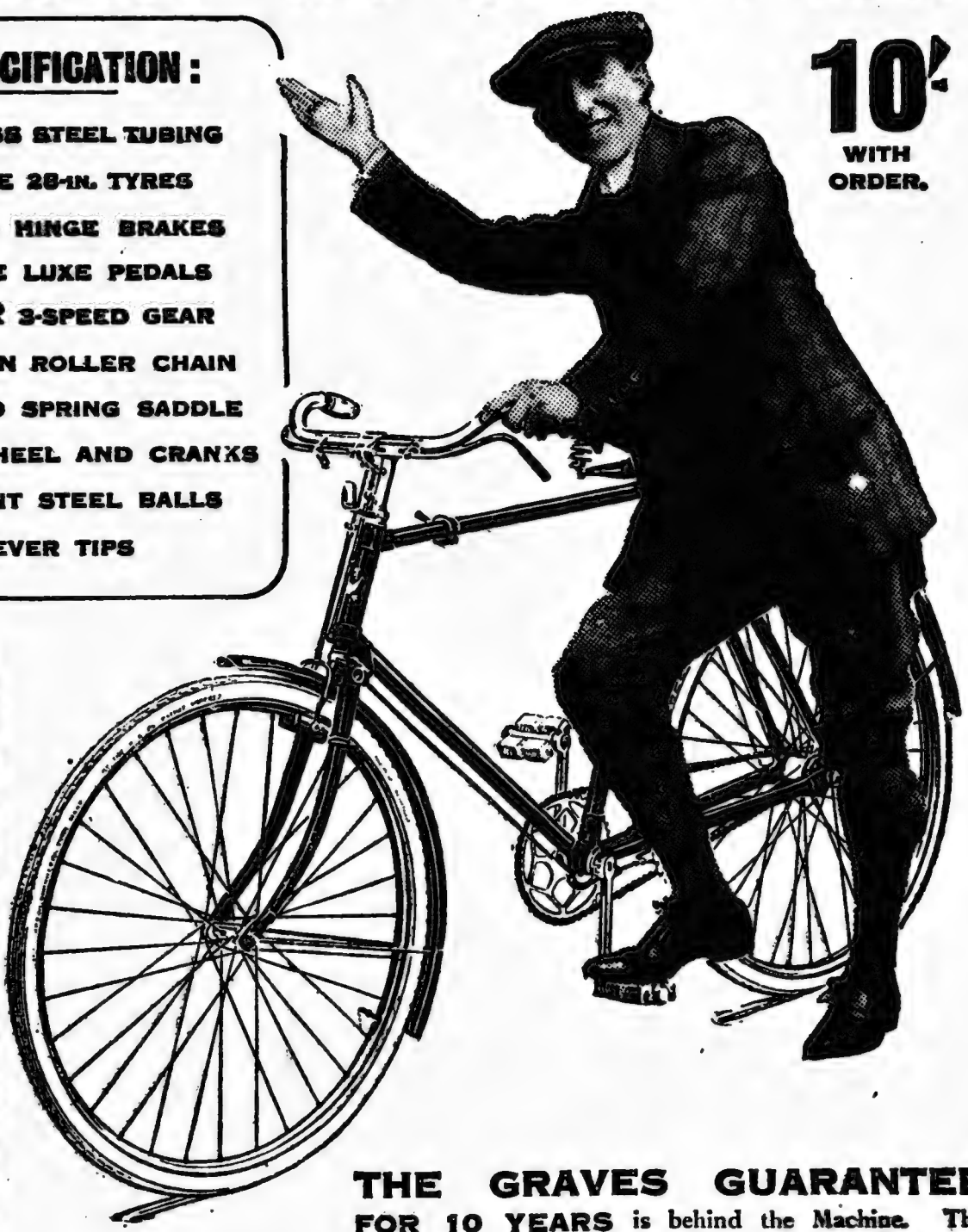

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We are, therefore, in conjunction with the Royal Moonplane Committee, offering gigantic terms to the first all-British airman who succeeds in getting in touch with him.

Any type of moonplane may be used. The prizes will be:

A First Prize of—

£1,000,000 *to the first British airman who shall reach the moon on a moonplane.* The money will be paid to him on his return to earth. Inclusive time allowed for the trip, seven days (hard).

A Second Prize of—

£100,000 *to the first British airman who shall reach the Milky Way.* Inclusive time allowed for journey and return, seventy-two hours.

Intending competitors must give one hour's clear notice of their intention to compete. They may store petrol, spare parts, &c., at stations to be erected by them on Mars, Venus, Mercury, or any other planet.

A Special Consolation Prize of—

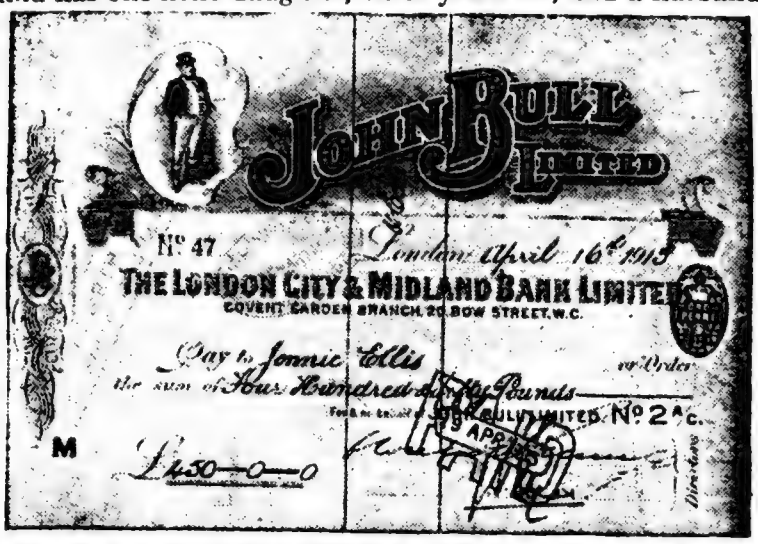
£10,000 *will be awarded to the first all-British airman who shall complete the circuit of the Rings of Saturn within twenty-four hours.* All entries to be marked, "Ringing the Rings."

Any further particulars desired must be obtained from the Royal Moonplane Committee, and no applications can be received by us, as we offer these prizes for the public good and not as an advertisement for this journal.

OUR 26TH "BULLETS" COMPETITION.

A DELIGHTFUL SCORE FOR "THE WELSH SOPRANO."

Madame Jeannie Ellis, of 15, The Grove, Swansea, the winner of the First Prize of £450 in our 26th "Bullets" Competition, in acknowledging the cheque, says that her surprise was all the greater because, although she had tried a good many times, her efforts had hitherto been unrewarded to any appreciable extent. Madame Ellis is a professional singer, and the name she signed on the coupon is the one by which she is known in the musical world—especially, of course, in Wales, where she is popularly styled "The Welsh Soprano." Madame Ellis is married, and has one little daughter, three years old, and a husband



who is naturally very proud of his wife's success in winning "such a glorious prize," as he terms it. The gifted lady says that from her observations of the winning "Bullets" from week to week, she considers the arrangements for adjudicating these interesting competitions are far and away above those of other papers, and that even during her period of failure she always felt perfectly satisfied that the first, and other, prize-winners fully deserved their successes.

The original of the above cheque will be on view in the window of Mr. G. Williams's newsagency, 69, High Street, Swansea, until April 26th, and at the Post Office (Messrs. Ley, Kerr and Co.), High Street, Swansea, from then until the 30th.

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The "SPECIAL" that Guarantees Your Success.

A reputation for definite and reliable intelligence combined with straightforward and honourable business transactions, and a desire to impart to each one of our subscribers the best news it is possible to secure with the honest purpose of maintaining that reputation, and thus retaining the continued support and kind recommendation of our subscribers, is one of our greatest assets to-day.

Next Monday's issue of "Gale's Special," published at 2/6, will be sent post free in plain sealed envelope upon receipt of 1/- P.O. or Stamps to all readers of "John Bull" enclosing this paragraph.

Gale's Primus Wire

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SERVICE EVER INAUGURATED.

Everyone who goes racing knows that there are times when certain stables place out commissions upon selected horses that have had special preparation to materialise profitably, and it is on these special occasions that the Racing Adviser, who is permitted to learn of these projected "coups," advises his patrons to invest double and even treble their usual stakes. This, however, is not an everyday occurrence, and it seldom happens that more than one or two commissions of this description are put into operation in one week.

During the past Winter Season the **EDITOR OF "GALE'S SPECIAL,"** in conversing with one or two of the largest commissioners in the country, made special arrangements for exclusive information respecting these S. P. Commissions, and a few days prior to the commencement of the Flat-Racing Season communicated with the majority of the subscribers to **"GALE'S SPECIAL,"** intimating that he had decided to commence a new series of telegrams which would especially appeal to those sportsmen who could afford to make substantial investments. It was decided to call this service

GALE'S PRIMUS WIRE,

and the first message sent out was on Easter Wednesday, March 26th, when our subscribers received **PERSUADE** (10-1) Won. No mention was made of this wire in advertisements, but all old subscribers were advised of its introduction by Private Letter. Our next Primus Wire was on Thursday, April 3rd, when each subscriber received **CARRIGRUE** (10-1) Won, and this was followed by our most recent selection sent on this Primus Wire, on Tuesday April 8th, when each subscriber received **MASTER MACDONALD** (100-8) Won.

It may be mentioned that in writing to subscribers we definitely promised that in the event of failure we would send a free **TATTERSALL'S RING WIRE** to all who subscribed for the **PRIMUS WIRE**, but up to the present we have not been called upon to send out any Compensatory Messages, owing to the soundness of this special and exclusive intelligence, as each selection sent out on the **PRIMUS WIRES**, three in all, has proved successful.

First Selection, Easter Week:
PERSUADE (10-1) Won.

Second Selection, Liverpool:
CARRIGRUE (10-1) Won.

Third Selection, Warwick:
MASTER MACDONALD (100-8) Won.

The charge for this Special "Gale's Primus Wire" is TWENTY-FIVE POUNDS PER MESSAGE. The price may appear to be somewhat prohibitive, but it must be taken into consideration that the information sent out by the Editor on these special messages is obtained from a source that is quite unavailable to the ordinary Racing Adviser, and in no circumstances whatever is more than one selection ever mentioned on this message. It amounts to this, **one selection only each week—the best selection that money, brains, and influence can procure.**

The next selection on this **Gale's Primus Wire** will be sent from Newmarket, on Tuesday, April 29th, and

As a Special Offer to "John Bull" readers we will send this Special Wire upon receipt of £10, instead of the usual charge of £25,

and unless the selection sent out is successful, and at reasonable odds, we guarantee to send our next Tattersall's Ring Wire entirely free of charge. On the other hand, should the selection win at the odds of not less than 8 to 1 against, subscribers will, of course, forward the balance of £25.

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8	Oak Bedroom Suites, comprising Wardrobes with Bevelled Plate Glass Doors, full Dressing Chest, Washstand with Marble Top and Tile Back and Chair	24	17 6
4	White Enamel Bedroom Suites, complete	4	4 0
3	Superior well-made Oak Bedroom Suites, Reflex Mirrors to Dressing Table	6	6 0
5	Inlaid Sheraton Design Bedroom Suites, handsome design	8	10 0
8	Oak Bedsteads fitted with Combination Wire	0	18 6
3	3-ft. White and Brass Bedsteads, equal to new	1	2 6
4	Artistic Design White Bedroom Suites, large Bevelled Plate Glass Door to Wardrobe, Tall Dressing Chest, Washstand and 2 Chairs	6	15 0
	Antique Mahogany Bow Front Chest of Drawers	3	15 0
4	Large size Oak Bedroom Suites (worth double)	8	19 6
6	Full Size Oak Bedsteads, with Sanitary Wire Overlay, Bolster and 2 Pillows (Bedding equal to new)	3	3 0
5	Inlaid Sheraton Design Bedroom Suites, with Shaving Mirror to Washstand	11	11 0
4	Large size Sheraton Design Bedroom Suites, Oval Plate Glass to Wardrobe and Reflex Mirrors to Dressing Table	15	10 0
4	Full size Sheraton Design Bedsteads, complete	3	10 0
	Pair of Square Tube Brass Bedsteads	4	10 0
	Full size Massive Brass Bedstead and Cable Edge Wire Spring	5	5 0
3	Large Double Door Sheraton Bedroom Suites	17	10 0
6	ft 6 in. Mahogany Wardrobe, fitted 2-3rds Hanging and 1-3rd Drawers and Trays, a bargain	11	10 0
	A Fine Old English Mahogany Tall Boy Chest of 9 Drawers	12	10 0
2	6-ft. Sheraton Design Bedroom Suites	25	0 0
	6-ft. Louis XV. Design Bedroom Suite, exquisite design	31	10 0

Dining-room Furniture, etc., continued—

Oak Roll Top Desk	£4	15 0
Large size Chesterfield and 2 very comfortable Easy Chairs in Real Leather	15	19 6
4 Open Dwarf Bookcases	1	5 0
Set of "William and Mary" Design Chairs	7	15 0
Carved Brown Oak Sideboard, fitted with large Bevelled Plate Glass and Cupboards under	7	19 6
7ft. Mahogany Pedestal Sideboard	10	10 0
21 very comfortable Club Easy Chairs	1	15 6
5 ft. Bow Front Mahogany Queen Anne Sideboard, rail at back	10	12 6
6 ft. Black Carved Oak Sideboard, elaborately carved	19	19 0
15 ft. 6 in. by 12 ft. Turkey Carpet	10	15 0
5 ft. Bow Front Sheraton Design Sideboard	6	15 0
6 ft. by 4 ft. Mahogany Dining Table	3	10 0
8 ft. by 4 ft. Massive Ball Claw Dining Table	10	10 0
6 ft. 6 in. Handsome Chippendale Design Sideboard	25	10 0

The Drawing-Rooms Comprise—

3 Louis XV. Design Cabinets	3	10 0
Handsome 7-piece Settee Suite	4	10 0
5 Mahogany Card Table	1	15 0
20 Occasional Chairs	0	8 6
Very fine Chesterfield, 2 very comfortable Easy Chairs, and 4 Solid Mahogany Small Chairs	12	15 0
An Upright Piano, by Westphall	18	18 0
A Decorated Satinwood Suite	8	15 0
3 Display Occasional Tables	1	17 6
A Music Cabinet	2	2 0
A Sheraton Design Glass Cabinet	3	10 6

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3 ft. 6 in. Carved Light Oak Dressing Table and Washstand	7	15 0
A pair of Inlaid Sheraton Design Bedsteads	2	18 6
2 Convertible Bed-Couches	3	3 0
Very fine 6 ft. 6 in. Sheraton Bedroom Suite, comprising Wardrobe, with 2 Plate Glass Mirrors to Wardrobe, Dressing Chest, 4 ft. 6in. wide, with large Mirror at back, 4 ft. Washstand with Cupboards under Marble Top and Back, 3 Chairs, Pedestal Cupboard and Towel Rail	63	0 0
A very fine Exhibition Satin Wood Bedroom Suite, 7 ft. Wardrobe, 4 ft. 6 in. Pedestal Dressing Table, and 4 ft. 6 in. Washstand. This suite is one rarely to be seen, and all connoisseurs of high-class work should not fail to inspect this article	110	0 0

The Dining-rooms, Smoking-rooms and Libraries comprise—

3 4 ft. 6 in. Oak Sideboards	3	12 6
Set of 8 Chairs (6 smalls and 2 Carvers)	4	15 0
3 Extending Dining Tables	1	2 6
18 Mahogany Queen Anne Design Dining Chairs	1	6 6
5 5 ft. Queen Anne Design Sideboards	8	10 0
Massive Elizabethan Design Sideboard	9	9 0
Set 8 Chairs, covered in Red Leather	10	15 0
Massive Carved Oak Table to match	3	10 0
20 Odd Dining Room Chairs each	0	10 0
12 Lounge Easy Chairs	9	16 6
Very well Upholstered 6 ft. 6 in. Chesterfield and very comfortable Easy Chairs, an absolute bargain	10	10 0
A very fine Antique Pedestal Sideboard, inlaid Mahogany	12	10 0
6 Small Chairs, inlaid Mahogany and 2 Carving Chairs to match	12	10 0
A very fine Combination Billiard-Dining Table	15	15 0
A handsome set of Mahogany Ball and Claw Chairs, Leather Seats, worth double	10	10 0
6 ft. Louis XV. Design Sideboard, exquisite design	15	10 0
Chesterfield in Art Tapestry	4	10 0

10 Standard Lamps	0	18 0
Very fine Gilt Louis XVI. Drawing-room Suite, upholstered in French Tapestry	17	17 0
A Very fine Vernis Martin Cabinet	24	0 0
Vernis Martin Commode with hand-painted Panels	18	18 0
4 Gilt Berger Chairs	10	10 0
5 ft. 6 in. Chesterfield in Tapestry	3	15 0
Bureau Bookcase, Sheraton Design	6	6 0
Drop Front Bureau	2	15 0
Elegant Design Inlaid Mahogany China Cabinet	8	10 0
Pair of Inlaid Palm Stands	0	18 6

Pianos—

Piano in Rosewood Case, by Gustav Richter	21	10 0
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Piano in Ebonised Case, by Steinmayer	17	0 0
Piano in Walnut Case, by Collard and Collard	12	10 0
Transposing Piano in Burr Walt. Case, by Gigneif	25	0 0
Piano, by Carl Strauss	18	18 0
Piano, by Broadwood	24	10 0
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About 20 Turkey Carpets, all sizes, from	3	15 0
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About 500 Rugs, all good designs	0	7 6
12 by 15 Turkey Carpet	12	0 0
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[The EDITOR replies to, and has a chat with, some of his numerous correspondents.]

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.—Will readers, when forwarding cuttings from newspapers, take care that in each case a sufficient portion is sent to identify the name of the paper and the date of issue?

CORRESPONDENTS, when writing regarding previous communications which they may have addressed to us, should always mention the nature of the matter therein referred to. Owing to the great increase in the number of ENQUIRIES *received consequent upon the abnormal growth in our circulation, it is no longer possible to answer them all in "Letter Bag," and* ONLY THOSE OF GENERAL INTEREST *will be noticed. The Editor will, of course, still be grateful for information, "biscuit" material, newspaper cuttings, etc.*

AUTHORS and ARTISTS *submitting MSS. and drawings for consideration must write name and address upon the back of their work. The Editor cannot accept any responsibility for the safe custody of MSS., etc., so forwarded, but will endeavour to return unaccepted work* WHEN STAMPED, ADDRESSED ENVELOPE IS ATTACHED TO THE MANUSCRIPT. ALL MATTER SUBMITTED MUST BE ORIGINAL UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. *The most suitable lengths for articles and stories are about 750 words (one column), or 1,500 words (a page).*

The EDITOR *cannot express any opinion upon the value of postage stamps, old china, pictures, coins, books, etc.*

CORRESPONDENTS ARE REQUESTED NOT TO SEND ORIGINAL CERTIFICATES, TESTIMONIALS, ETC., *as, though every effort is made for their safe custody, they are liable to be mislaid. Copies only of such documents should be forwarded in the first instance.*

CORRESPONDENTS desiring INFORMATION *should place their questions in* CONCISE *form and refrain from sending* VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTS, *at any rate until asked for them. The Editor is quite unable to devote the time necessary for perusing and considering the scores of folios which correspondents sometimes send.*

For Financial and Insurance Replies, see page 612.
For Sporting Replies, see page 616.

"BULLITES" (Everywhere).—Many of our "Bullet" competitors have written in reference to the recent suggestion of a reader that there should be something in the nature of a compulsory levy for the benefit of our "Human Document" Fund. We prefer, however, that any contributions should be entirely voluntary, but feel sure that now that the matter has been raised, most of our prizewinners will be only too glad to send a trifle.

W. S. (Norwich.)—Quite right. These Westminster Bridge Road people are simply in business to catch flats.

J. W. (N. London).—Quite so. According to the *Daily Telegraph*, "For many years to come the daughter nations will need all their manhood for their internal development." The sub-editor had better change his hair restorer; it is evidently affecting his mind.

R. H. C. (Glasgow).—Did you not notice the recent statement of the Home Secretary, and our comments thereon, that the Government were "considering legislation" on the Divorce Commission's Report?

G. S. (Englefield).—"A friend of mine, Mrs. J. has an egg weighing 11¾ ozs., length 7 ins. and 9¾ ins. round." Do you mean to say she laid it? Or is it an elephant's egg? We do wish people would be explicit.

G. D. (Paisley).—Your complaints of insufficiency of the diet at Paisley Poorhouse is hereby notified to the Guardians. Your stomach is evidently too large for the food.

A. P. (Nottingham).—We do not write Open Letters for the ventilation of private grievances.

W. R. (Bishop's Stortford).—Thanks for your good opinion of us. Your suggestion that we should have described the Skipton magistrates as "duck-brained" instead of "muddle-headed" did not occur to us, but how can geese be ducks anyway?

"EDITOR" (Bristol).—Sorry you read with deep regret our open letter to the Governor of Holloway Gaol, whom you describe as "a most humane, kindly, and thoughtful gentleman." Perhaps he forgot himself.

H. W. (Reading).—We do not mind mingling our tears with yours *re* your dog, but we cannot "make it known to the public what disgraceful treatment he has received" at that veterinary surgeon's. He might sue us for libel, and get more than the dog was worth.

A. C. M. (London, W.C.).—"Lying statements" are by no means infrequent in Election Addresses, and we can see no special reason why candidates for the Holborn Guardians should shock the constituency by telling the truth.

"FAIRNESS" (Barrow-in-Furness) asks us to state what the charges are that Sir Percy Scott could bring against Lord Charles Beresford. Up to the present, we have not heard them.

G. C. M. (London).—So you also object to the Kaiser "spending a day inspecting the forts at Gibraltar," do you? Possibly a few days after he has done inspecting, some German chap in a boat will try to photograph the rock and he will be run in by a policeman.

MRS. J. H. (Liverpool).—Afraid it is no use trying to persuade the dockyard men at Portsmouth that they are a lot better off than those employed at the private Elswick works, Newcastle.

J. M. (Plymouth).—If, as you allege, a certain policeman has behaved improperly towards your wife, and you cannot get satisfaction from the Chief Constable, communicate with the Watch Committee.

G. W. L. (Chelmsford).—It is certainly queer that after choosing her out of many applicants and employing her for two years the directors of the Chelmsford Co-operative Society should discharge Miss B. B. for the "only reason that she is too young." They should now discharge themselves because they are too old.

"FOREMAN."—Can quite understand that the payment of "foreman teams" wages on Monday instead of Saturday by Joseph Crossfield and Sons, Ltd., is a very great inconvenience. Try the effect of a "round robbin" on the head of the firm.

W. M. (Old Normanton).—Your complaint is that Carton, Tailor, 144, High Holborn, W.C., has 12s. deposit for a suit you ordered from him; that you have been unable to pay for the suit; and that you have written him several times for the return of the deposit money or its value, but he takes no notice of your letters. You also authorise us to apply the money to one of our Human Documents—if we can get it. Carton may see this letter, and our advice to him is to pay up quick. But, of course, he may have an answer to your complaint.

"NO XMAS CHEER" (Norwich).—Don't worry us about Xmas cheer until Xmas. We are longing for sun, and green leaves and flowers, and the song of the dickybirds.

R. B. (Leeds).—The Wycliffe Church Mission, of Sheffield, is probably in some way connected with the campaign of the Wycliffe preachers, who e chief entertainment seems to be to disturb religious services of which they do not approve. Like the Crankhursts, they are "O. T., mustard."

F. T. J. (Peckham).—It does not raise our hair that your son was sent by the local Labour Exchange into Fleet Street for a job, but on arriving there was told the place was filled, and that they had so informed the Exchange the previous day. Many of the Labour Exchanges are so sloppily conducted that we should not have been surprised if they had sent your son to Jericho to a job which had been filled the previous year.

MRS. R. D. (Stirling).—As we have not seen the advertisement to which you replied in the case of the "British Clothing Club," Oldham Street, Manchester, we cannot express any opinion.

I. W. W.—Sorry, but we really have no space for publishing the photographs of wife-deserters. Perhaps, however, the culprit—and any other wife-worrier—may have his conscience stirred by this paragraph.

H. W. R. E. (Chiswick) complains that by our attack upon Redgrave and Cranmer "College" we have cast reflections upon the two or three students who were in that establishment. Our correspondent is altogether wrong. As well might he argue that we condemned the congregation of St. Paul's, Burslem, by our attack upon their spiritual adviser.

H. R. (Forest Gate, E.).—We are in agreement with you as to the fatuous sycophancy of the inscription over the Assembly Hall in the Mile End Road, "The Hungry Poor thank your Majesties." Put it down as the inspiration of some pompous local idiot.

J. W. G. (Pontefract).—"There's Illingworth and Handel Booth, Without a doubt trying to soothe; Constituencies they represent, On pidgeon-flying now they're bent. We want no pidgeon-flying brats, To serve us British democrats, But business men is what we want, To slay hypocrisy and cant." The sentiments are even lovelier than the poetry. Partake of one bun.

J. J. (London, E.C.).—Perhaps after the new interpretation given to the term "investment," the Government will now give a more or less religious interpretation to betting and legalise it by Act of Parliament.

"ADA M. F." (Nelson, B.C.).—Our point of view is that Canada and other British overseas dominions are all right for the right people, but that it is a crime and a scandal that shipping agents and official emigration boosters should tell lies about them to the wrong ones. Glad we entertain you, and thanks for the dollar for the Human Document.

£50 for a "Mauve" Coupon. See page 607.

"Brompton Road."—Mrs. Eleanor Lawton's one-night wrinkle curing concern is audacious fool-catching. The photograph of the wrinkled woman "she" has sent you is obviously faked.

F. F. (Liverpool).—"Wanted by firm of wholesale merchants, capable young lady, quick at figures, neat writer, shorthand, and typewriting; salary to commence 5s. a week"—advt. in *Daily Post and Mercury*. Salary stated probably a misprint for 15s., but a wicked wage even then.

X. Y. Z. (East Ham).—About 50,000 other people are also anxious "to obtain an appointment under the Government, such as Assistant Relieving Officer or something similar." The Government is full of relieving officers, from Mr. Lloyd George downwards. "The best way to go about the business" is to answer the advertisements you will find in the periodicals dealing with L.G.B. matters.

A. W. H. (Bristol).—We have no faith whatever in the professions of the Natural Cancer Cure Co. (Harold L. Roberts, Sec.). Neither a natural nor an unnatural cure for cancer has yet been discovered.

J. B. Y. (Glasgow) cannot understand how Carson could act as a lawyer for Rufus Isaacs and indirectly for Lloyd George, after his language as a politician against the members of the Government. Good gracious, man, he is merely observing one of the customs of the trade.

"Bristolian" (Aberdeen).—The trick of the Atlas Fine Art Co.'s traveller, who told your mother that he would enlarge the photo free and then forced upon her a costly frame, is a common bit of modern street-door audacity. However, she has paid money on account, and unless she can prove the imposition, and that what she has already paid for the frame is sufficient the Judge will probably make an order for the balance.

E. P. W. (West Dulwich) asks, "Have you ever heard of the Welsh Patagonian Gold Mine Syndicate, floated by Mr. Lloyd George and Major Evan Rowland Jones, about twenty-five years ago? The answer is in the negative—but we *do* seem to remember that Major Jones was elected member for the Llanelly Boroughs of Carmarthen, about the same time that Mr. Lloyd George entered Parliament.

G. S. M. (Richmond, Yorks) says that, recently perceiving outside the refresh. room (platform 13 and 14), York station, the legend "Cup of Tea, 2d.; Roll Sandwich, 3d.," he walked in, "but not a sandwich to be had, as usual." They had instead "stale bread with a morsel of ham under a glass cover." "Turn it over, dear boy," said a male paying 9d. for a "b & s.," "and you may find the ham under the mustard." Pepper.

R. (London).—"The Lion rules over the world but rules not the air. . . . There comes on the tempest far hurled, a warning to bid him beware, the Lion rules over the world, the Eagle the air." Pish and likewise tush! What comes on the tempest, far-hurled, is the latest in Zeppelins, tumbling into the French camp of Luneville like a log. Keep your hair on.

"Toddles" (Liverpool).—We know nothing about "the prize drawing run in connection with the Blaine and District Cottage Hospital, Nantygle."

J. T. (Clerkenwell).—The advertisement of the Easy Terms Instalment Company, Brook Street, Holborn, are fairly and clearly stated: "Boots sent to you for 6d. deposit and 6d. postage and when balance of payment is sent." Where is the "swindle" about this?

H. A. D. (Alexandria).—We are not on this earth to answer half-a-hundred questions at one fell swoop. We will reply to the first one only, "Who were the Baszer Baszucks?" They were triplet Governors of Gazeckaland who invested in American Marconi's as a moral example to the heathen.

Miss B. (Earl's Court).—Certainly you may "add a line in defence of spiritualism and mediums." That is the line.

A. A. (Maidstone).—It is hoped the people of East Kirkby thoroughly enjoyed the "special visit of Nancy Dickybird, from Manchester" to the local Salvation Army Barracks. According to the bill she is now saved, and "there niver wur such a miracle." Certainly not; we should not think of asking Miss Dickybird whether she ever feels seedy.

D. J. W. (Monmouth) inquires what is the meaning of the popular expression "chewing the rag." "Getting one's rag out" is the best interpretation we can think of at the moment.

"Anxious" (Beswick).—In your place, we should not think of emigrating to West Africa on the strength of a job fixed up for us by the firm you name.

Miss C. M. W. R. (Birkenhead).—Read your letter again, and ask yourself whether it is not somewhat difficult to understand.

J. N. (Camberwell).—You certainly appear to have been harshly dealt with by the police. There are a few vindictive bullies amongst them who are a danger to the law-abiding citizen. They want sorting out.

W. G. (Fence Houses).—Please repeat your inquiry, as we cannot trace your letter.

M. M. F. (Glasgow).—Instead of buying two copies of John Bull every week, why not content yourself with one, and buy *Mary Bull* for the wife?

C. W. (Ireland) is about to marry, and, like many ladies, is rather sensitive about her age. "How can I prevent curious and prying persons knowing?" she asks. Quite easily; she can either fill it in as "full," or just state the age she thinks she looks.

"Karachi" (Sheringham).—We hesitate to put you in touch with a moneylender. Have you heard of him who went a-borrowing?

"Who's Who?" (Whitley Bay).—The actual author of the Japanese Alliance was—But stay! Upon re-consideration, we have come to the conclusion that it would not be in the public interest to give the information asked for.

"Middy" (Coventry).—Write to the Director of Naval Education, the Admiralty, Whitehall, S.W., who, if his official designation is anything to go by, ought to be able to tell you how to become a Midshipman in the King's Navee.

W. R. C. (London, S.E.) tells us that it is possible to buy *retail* from any of the smaller wholesale firms in Houndsditch, but that notwithstanding this, the employees do not come under the benefits of the Shops Act. We will never buy retail in Houndsditch again.

W. P. and F. T. W.—John Bright did many fine things, but the repeal of the Corn Laws was not amongst them. We cannot understand why some of our correspondents do not consult their old school books or their local library when in doubt on such simple questions of historical fact.

W. C. (Cambs).—Mr. Andrew Carnegie's address is Skibo Castle, Scotland; but if your friend's charitable purpose is anything other than a public library for his town, we would advise him to save his stamps.

"Pat" (Finchley) writes: "I suppose an employer has the right to employ whomever he pleases, pay as little as he can, bully his clerks and threaten them with dismissal if they err in their time or duties. Is there no remedy against this class of employer?" Not at present.

D. T. H. (Birmingham) asks "which of Shakespeare's plays does an old French gentleman eating cheese resemble, and why?" Luckily, he provides the answer: "The 'Seven Periods of Man,' because it is 'Fromage' (from age) to age." This is wit worthy of "the infant, mewling and puking in his nurse's arms." By the way, *is* there a Shakespeare play of that name?

"A Sufferer" (Brighton) advocates the use of the lash for the scoundrels who steal other men's wives' affections and thereby ruin happy homes. Surely there is no need for legislation in this matter. There is always the horse—or dog—whip.

S. Le V. (Chingford).—We are not aware that the "children of descendants of Hugenots living in England are afforded special educational facilities," nor do we see why they should be.

H. B. (Caledonian Road) wants to know "where the Dunmow flitch is held and to whom to write to, to apply for same?" This "premium on humbug" is, of course, "held" at Dunmow, in Essex, the date of its giving usually being in July or August, of latter years it being made, we believe, one of the Bank Holiday attractions. We congratulate our correspondent on his better half—or, alternatively, his brazen face. But does he know that before he can receive the flitch he and his partner will have to "go to the Priory, and, *kneeling on two sharp-pointed stones*, swear that they have not quarrelled or repented of their marriage within a year and a day after its celebration"?

J. H. L. (Leeds).—It would not assist you even if we did "write a short article pointing out the main errors of competitors." It is not a question of errors. What is needed is a bright intelligence, and even so everybody cannot win. The constant aim of the judges is to pick the best of the brightest.

"Credit" (Battersea, S.W.).—We note that you "have a desire to start the credit tailoring and drapery business." You will have no difficulty in doing that, especially as regards tailoring. You will be hailed by hundreds of the impecunious and threadbare as a public benefactor. But we can advise you of no wholesale firms who will give *you* three months' credit. We are not the editor of the *Tailor and Cutter*.

"Unlucky" (London).—Thanks for thinking that "John Bull is doing such good work."

F. G. (Leigh-on-Sea).—A Cabinet Minister is not entitled to a pension as a matter of right. He must make a declaration that his means are insufficient for the position which he has been accustomed to sustain—and the number of pensioners is limited.

(A large number of replies are held over.)

Not a Football Competition, but like it. More Fortunes waiting. See page 607.

Bull's Eyes.

Notes of Interrogation:—

Is that £500 on page 614 waiting for *you*?
Isn't the Simple Life extremely difficult?
Will the Censor be given another "job"?
Is the Belgian "strike" a "paralysing" blow?
Will the new monthly—the *Blue Review*—be read?
Will the Suffragettes ever "set the Thames on fire"?
Is a storm in a teacup brewing among the waitresses?
Has Lansbury lost his head as well as his "seat"?
Have you seen that "range" of prizes on page 607?
Isn't "The Girl on the Film" very "well-developed."?
Isn't a system to assist 'em what the Territorials want?
Won't the Yankees prefer the old form of "income"-tax?
Why not try a "general disarmament" in Party politics?
Will prohibiting their meetings "shut up" the Suffragettes?
Why is Miss Ling-af-Hageby like Tennyson's "Brook"?
Has someone been trying to "break" the Bank of England?
How many members of Parliament have a bit on the Derby?
Won't the Channel Tunnel scheme require a lot of "engineering?"
Has Lloyd George a "speculative" expression in his Royal Academy portrait?

Some Telegraphic Errors:—

Prefer concert in smaller hell.
Cannot come, Tummy very queer.
Pork pies must be your own moke.
Wedding earlier, send coke to-night.
Arrive six, make up ext.a bed for jam.
Baby's crab has no side rail as ordered.
Elected—congratulations on being at the tap.
Send one dozen eye-ointment, one gross wink pills.

Excuses for Non-attendance at School:—

"Please give Tom arf holiday to-day as his father is run over."

"Bob was away two weeks, as everything here had got the mizzles."

"Scruse Jonny last week; his temperament has been dangerous."

"Don't 'it Jack for being away; his brother was ill with ammonia."

"Billy 'as a sore foot through the greens boiling on it. Please let him off."

"George could not come yesterday; he had to go to bury his diseased aunt."

"Please let Jack out half-hour early, to go and see about the eksemeter on his legs."

Truth is rarer than fiction.

Charity discovers a multitude of sinners.

If everybody got his deserts, your boss would be in gaol.

One half the world doesn't care how the other half lives.

Economy is the art of looking flush when you are really stone broke.

"Men are like tea," says Estelle Klauder. Yes, it takes a spoon to stir them up.

The truth is always a good investment, but some ways of telling it pay better than others.

When you meet a man wiping his mouth, be charitable; he might have been to the barber's.

If you really try, you can make a dickens of a mess of most of the Ten Commandments before breakfast.

By the time you have acquired sufficient wealth to properly enjoy life you are too old to be out alone after dark.

Westminster is anxious to prohibit skating on the footway. But, of course, most things will be allowed to slide in the House as usual.

A New York man who stopped a woman's hat which had blown off was rewarded with "You brute!" He had put his foot in it.

Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George each spoke 389 columns of Hansard during the last session. The jawbone is a very ancient weapon.

"I have always made it the rule of my life to avoid the unpleasant," said the Willesden Magistrate recently. Prisoners who come before him will now look for proof.

Kind hearts may be more than coronets, but you *can* pawn coronets.

Justice is what you get when you win your case. When you lose, it's tyranny.

Prisons are full of people who've been found out. Those outside have not.

"Shot in a Motor Car," reads a heading. "Shot out" is the usual version.

The man who says you are right and he is wrong is paving the way for a small loan.

"Rings hidden in bread-crumbs," we read. A change from seeing them in paste.

A cat in Suffolk is mothering five rabbits. How the bunny-hug craze is spreading!

The alleged "good old times" are like some pictures. They look better at a distance.

A co-operative cheese factory has been established. It should do a mitey business.

Virtue is its own reward. But many prisons are more comfortable than workhouses.

We hear of a Hindoo who goes to bed with two snakes. Plenty here go to bed with hundreds.

"Will queues be abolished?" is being asked again. We can see no exqueues for them.

Men may sneer at the hobble skirt, but would they like their women to adopt looser habits?

"Collapse of a Street," we read. It suffered from one of those sinking feelings, we suppose.

"Pin four feet long," says a heading. Schoolmasters look carefully now before they sit down.

Two-thirds of the Royal Families of Europe are of German origin. But they can't help that.

There is evidently plenty of "dust" in the carpet for which a Prague man has refused £24,600.

Sir Hubert Herkomer intends to produce living pictures. Other English artists, please copy.

Lightning recently struck a sailor's wooden leg, shattering it to pieces. "Shivered his timbers"!

"You can't stuff me," as the hunger-striking suffragette remarked to the prison authorities.

Mr. Lloyd George is to be asked the cost of the Marconi Inquiry. What to—the Liberal Party?

The Bill to amend the Insurance Act is badly needed; so many people have been picking holes in it.

We were not surprised that Spiked won a race at Newbury; naturally, the other horses couldn't get near it.

Porcelain heels for evening shoes are the latest. The wearer will have to mind how she puts her foot down.

The Servians are stated to be lukewarm. Yet the Turks have been trying hard to make it hot for them.

The American convict who escaped in a packing-case of shirts will be treated as one, and ironed if recaptured.

The *Saturday Review* says that Mr. William Watson ought to be as popular as Jack Johnson. This is very severe.

The idea of women recruiting-sergeants seems a good one. Surely the boys would answer a call "to arms" then!

Only 13 per cent. of young people under 17 attend continuation schools. They prefer to "go on" in another direction.

A contemporary suggests arrangements for sending money by telephone. But a good deal goes to the receiver already.

Huge Cash Prizes—£1,000, £250, £100, and £50. See page 607.

Our Great New Summer Competition.

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On page 2 of our cover you will find a coupon giving twenty matches which will be played on dates between May 12th and May 19th.

Cross out in ink the club you think will *lose*. If you predict a draw do not cross out either club.

Matches commenced and unfinished count as draws. If both sides score an equal number of runs the match will be regarded as being drawn.

Matches not commenced at all, not a single ball being bowled, will be ignored. Thus—

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You can send in as many entries as you like. Any number of entries may be enclosed in the same envelope. Friends can send their entries together in one envelope, but EVERY coupon must be signed in ink by its respective sender.

The competition is one of skill and we recommend readers to study cricket form by reading the cricket columns of the daily papers.

As a guide to competitors we give with the coupon on page 2 of cover, last year's results of the matches we have selected for this competition.

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2. Having done this, write in ink (typewriting or pencilling will not do) your name and address in the space provided, cut out the Entrance Form, and address it to "**JOHN BULL,**" **25, Floral Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.,** mark envelope in top left hand corner, **Cricket Competition** No. 1. so as to reach us not later than first post Monday, May 12, but please send early to facilitate the work of examination.

3. The £1,000 cash prize will be awarded to the competitor whose Entry Form contains the correct results of all the matches, as published in the Sporting Life.

4. In the event of no Entrance Form containing all correct results, £250 will be awarded to the sender of the Entrance Form containing the largest number of correct forecasts, short of the full number, and £100 to the sender of the next highest number of correct forecasts. In addition a distinct cash prize of £50 will be awarded to the lady sending most correct forecasts on a MAUVE COUPON taken from Mary Bull.

5. No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any effort, and no correspondence will be entered into, neither will interviews be granted. But the utmost care will be taken of all coupons received

6. The Editor's published decision on all matters relating to this competition is final and legally binding, and competitors may enter only on this understanding.

7. Any effort on which any alteration of any description has been made will be disqualified. Entrance Forms must be cut, not torn out.

8. In the event of a tie or ties in this competition the £1,000 prize or the contingent prizes of £250 and £100 as well as the special £50 ladies' prize, will be equally divided.

THE CLOSING DATE IS MONDAY, MAY 12.

£50 For a "MAUVE" Coupon.

We cordially invite ladies to enter the above cricket competition, and they can do so by filling in the coupon on page 2 of our cover. But if a lady makes use of the **mauve coupon** to be found on the cover of **Mary Bull**, on Sale every Friday, she not only has the opportunity of winning the £1,000 or the contingent prizes of £250 and £100, *but also an additional and distinct cash prize of £50 for Ladies only.*

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After you have filled up your entries for this competition, turn to page 614, where you will find particulars of "Bullets," a simple and attractive Competition which you should not fail to enter. A first prize of £500 in cash is offered this week, in addition to more than 5 500 cash and other prizes to the value of over £1 895.

FOR THE RESULT OF OUR NO. 4. FOOTBALL COMPETITION. SEE PAGE 585.

John Bull League Notes.

(By the General Secretary.)

The objects of the League are:—In Religion: *To stamp out Cant, Self-righteousness and Sectarian animosities.* In Social Life: *To stimulate a spirit of robust self-reliance in place of the artificial protection of grandmotherly legislation*—*and* In Politics: *To Promote the establishment of a* Business Government *in substitution for the present effete and dishonest Party System.* All applications for membership to be addressed to the General Secretary, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.

Hull.—On Friday last the President addressed one of the most remarkable meetings ever held in the City Hall. Long before the advertised time for the commencement of proceedings, huge crowds congregated in Victoria Square and the adjacent streets, and immediately the doors opened every available seat in the vast building—with its seating capacity of five thousand persons—was occupied, and it is estimated that about two thousand people were turned away. The chair was occupied by Mr. F. W. Morrissey, a well-known citizen, whilst on the platform were most of the leading men connected with the civic and business life of Hull. There was great enthusiasm on the appearance of Mr. Bottomley upon the platform. He was in splendid form, and held his audience spell-bound for nearly two hours. That his address met with the approval of his hearers was evident from the rousing cheers which broke forth again and again. Councillor T. G. Hall moved a vote of thanks which was enthusiastically received. Mr. Berkeley Mason presided at the grand organ, and Mr. Allan Dale rendered the League Songs. The local Executive are about to commence an active campaign.

Sheffield.—The President's return visit to Sheffield and the last meeting of the present tour, will take place in the Albert Hall on Friday, May 1st. Applications for tickets, enclosing stamped and addressed envelope, should be made to Mr. T. J. Lalor, 60, Owler Lane, Pitsmoor. Reserved seats are one shilling each, and the amount will be devoted to the local funds of the League.

Birmingham.—To-night, Thursday 23rd inst., a public meeting will be held in the Somerville Road Schools, Small Heath, when addresses will be given by members of the local Executive. Chair will be taken at 8.30 p.m. prompt. The local Treasurer is Mr. Norman Owen, of "The Primroses," Four Oaks, Birmingham, who will be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions. The Smoking Concert on Thursday last was a complete success.

South Wales.—A meeting of workers, convened by the Provisional Committee of the South Wales Federation, was held on Thursday last, at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, when it was decided to invite the co-operation of interested members in the large centres of South Wales, with a view to organising an active campaign. Will members who are prepared to work for the League in Swansea, Newport, Pontypool, Pontypridd, Merthyr and Neath, please communicate with Mr. R. W. Webb, the Organising Secretary for South Wales, at 3, Ceridwen Terrace, Pontypridd?

Portsmouth.—I regret to announce the death, on 8th inst., of Mr. James Bishop, J.P., who was for many years a member of the Portsmouth Town Council, and who since the inauguration of the League was the Chairman of the Portsmouth Branch. Strong and independent in his public life, Mr. Bishop will be greatly missed, both on the Council and as the local Chairman of the League.

Leeds.—The local branch is now hard at work again, and the Executive have arranged a personal canvass of all the members on the roll. The Honorary Secretary wishes to draw the attention of members to the resolution recently passed and approved by Headquarters, fixing the 30th inst. as the late date for the payment of subscriptions. Mr. Ferrell, of 59, Tonbridge Street, is the local Treasurer.

Liverpool.—The local Secretary, Mr. G. S. Haines, of 48, Woodlands Road, Aigburth, will be very glad to hear from members and supporters who are willing to stand for election on the Executive. The Branch will shortly hold its annual general meeting in order to formulate an active propaganda. Several members have not yet paid their subscriptions, and I am requested to ask that the same be sent on to Mr. F. O. Rowlands, the Honorary Treasurer, of 39, Silverdale Avenue, Tuebrook.

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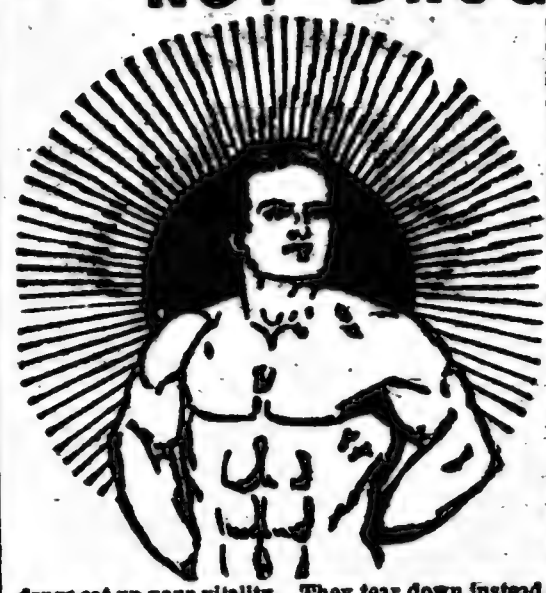

There's many a man dosing himself with poisonous drugs, trying to overcome some weakness or chronic ailment, when he should be helping Nature cure by building up his energy. Remember that most ailments are due to lack of energy in the vital organs. When some part of your body machinery refuses to work right, there's going to be trouble unless you supply the force it needs.

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CITY NOTES.

[*For Financial and Insurance Letter Box, see page 612.*]

The Stock Markets.

Although there have been moderate improvements in various sections of the Stock Markets, there is still a comparative absence of investment buying. Yet the Bank Rate has been reduced to 4½ per cent., and rates of discount are down at 3⅛ per cent. in the open market, while a further reduction in the Bank Rate to 4 per cent. is expected almost immediately. Now is the time to buy, as prices are still very moderate. Home Rails are improving, and precisely the stocks which were mentioned last week in this column have gone ahead, North British gaining as much as 1½, and North Western 1¾. A further rise in these and also in South Western Deferred and Great Central Preference is looked for. After some profit-taking, Kaffirs and Rhodesians are expected to have a fresh rise in the new Account, and in Kaffirs large yields are to be obtained, while Rhodesians are more speculative but promising, if well selected. The Yankee Market has turned dull, as Wall Street is too anxious to float new Debenture issues. Thus the new 4½ per cent. Milwaukee issue of thirty million dollars has been received very badly, and there is a talk of 150 million dollars more of various pending Debenture issues. It will be as well to leave Yankees alone for the present. Canadian Pacifics are also below the best, and the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific had to make its last 4 per cent. Debenture issue as low down as 87 per cent., speaks volumes. There is too much Canadian borrowing already, and the floatation of Loans by further small municipalities should be discouraged, while most of the offers of Land Companies under discredited Canadian auspices are positively dangerous. Rubber and rubber shares are in the dumps, as the price of the commodity has fallen, and the only hope seems to be of a reduction in the costs of production of plantation rubber or an increase in the consumption. Oil shares are awaiting the final settlement of Balkan affairs. Great Cobar have had a bad collapse, but neither these nor Mount Elliott have ever been satisfactory, and our French neighbours have burnt their fingers in them. Barrier Mines look more promising now that the strike is over, while the imposition of an export tax of 10 per cent. on Mexican gold is not encouraging. Diamond shares keep pretty steady in the face of all the rumours concerning further taxes.

Consolidated Oilfields of South Africa.

As will be gathered from an announcement on another page, things are moving along in the right direction in connection with this Company. It was a bold step on the part of the Directors to dispatch so cautious an expert as Mr. Mills-Davies to the properties, and to ask him to assume the responsibility of locating the first boring site. That he has had no difficulty in doing this is a significant fact, pointing to the immense potentiality of the undertaking—whilst his declaration that the "indications of the existence of petroleum are unquestionable" is excellent news for the shareholders. We defer further comment until the full report about to be circulated amongst the shareholders of the Company is available, and meanwhile simply once more reiterate the view that, as a speculative purchase, there is nothing in the whole market comparable with the shares of this Company.

Daniel Tallerman Once More.

Mr. Daniel Tallerman, whose name will be familiar to readers, has bobbed up again, this time as Organising Superintendent of the "National Food and Work League," 165, King's Road, Camden, London. A reader forwards us some correspondence in reference to an appointment as "Departmental Manager," together with particulars of the "League," and manifolded-typed prospectus of the British, Irish, and Australian Meat Co., Ltd., which it is stated will work in connection with the "League"—"a Patriotic Propaganda Society to Develop the Food and Labour Resources of Great Britain and Ireland, and Promote the Union of the Industrial and Agricultural Producers of the United Kingdom, our Dominions and Colonies." We observe that for London alone 60 managerial appointments are to be made, but conditional upon a share qualification of at least £100. The duties of such officials, moreover, as stated in the prospectus, are of the most comprehensive and fantastic nature. Altogether, the scheme is one of the wildest imaginable, and it is our duty to warn the public to have nothing whatever to do with it. By the way, we have not yet received that writ for libel with which Mr. Tallerman's solicitors threatened us some months ago.

A Nice "Break."

E. J. Riley, Ltd., the well-known billiard table manufacturers of Accrington, have had a good year, as in addition to a distribution of five per cent. on the cumulative preference shares they are paying ten per cent. on their ordinary share capital.

Mr. W. W. Rutherford, M.P.

This gentleman, having triumphantly vindicated his character from the aspersions cast thereon by Messrs. Grove and Company will now, no doubt, desire to clear up his connection with Pure Jamaica, Limited, the affairs of which were the subject of an article in these columns a few months ago. It will be remembered that the Companies Winding-Up Department of the Board of Trade held a Public Examination of the directors and the result left matters in a position which demanded full and explicit explanation on the part of the directors. So far as we can ascertain such explanation has not been forthcoming, and we take it that Mr. Rutherford will now set to work to supply it.

The Shaftesbury Avenue Potter.

A fortnight ago, we referred to the efforts which are being made by a Mr. W. J. Potter, of 26, Shaftesbury Avenue, to inveigle twenty people into entrusting him with £1,000 each, so that he could send someone into the Arctic regions, there to amass fortunes by doing various things. As a side-show, Mr. Potter has been running a concern called the Trust and Development Company of Home and Foreign Industries, Ltd. The Trust appears to have developed at "home" in a manner somewhat "foreign" to accepted business principles, for we find Lord Tenterden, the Chairman of the Company, complaining to Mr. Justice Swinfen Eady that Potter had excluded him from the registered office of the Company and had performed other tricks which only a compulsory winding-up order could defeat. The learned Judge obliged—and Mr. Potter will, in due time, no doubt, find the temperature of Carey Street somewhat higher than that of the regions where his Arctic expedition proposes to operate.

The Public Trustee.

One is glad to be able, in these times when the absence of business methods in Governmental administration is so conspicious, to congratulate at least one department upon having lifted itself out of the usual ruck and presented an example of what can be done when a free hand is given to competent business men to carry on their work free from interference on the part of meddlesome know-nothings. In view of the position we took up when the office of Public Trustee was created, we are all the more gratified to be able to acknowledge that Mr. C. J. Stewart has justified his appointment. He has organised his office most capably. And we think that the example he has set to other Government departments cannot fail to be of benefit to the Nation. Well done, thou good and faithful Stewart!

Before His Time!

In view of the fact that the name of Sir Rufus Isaacs is so very prominently before the country, it is interesting to know that, born on October 10th, 1860, he was elected a member of the London Stock Exchange in November, 1879—notwithstanding that, according to the Rules, no person under 21 years of age can be elected. In the same way, we do not recall the case of a Law Officer of the Crown having previously been admitted to the Cabinet. So far as the Stock Exchange is concerned, it was evidently a case of coming events casting their shadow before!

Gold Basin Mining Co.

We recently referred to an undertaking known as "The Gold Basin Mining Company." We are now informed that an expert, who has been out on the property has arrived in London with samples of ore, which, according to assays, show a return from shaft 70ft. deep, of $2,200 to $4,500 value per ton, and 40ft. from mouth of tunnel, $1,176 per ton, and at grass root $8.80 to $17,32 per ton. Full particulars relating to this Company we expect will be published in two or three weeks time. Meanwhile, any of our readers who are interested in the proposition may obtain information from the Company's representative, W. A. Reynolds, 53, New Broad Street, London, E.C.

Result of our No. 4 Football Competition. See page 585.

A GREAT IMPERIAL ENTERPRISE

OIL WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

A £1 Share That May be Worth £200.

RESULT OF EMINENT EXPERT'S VISIT.

THE CONSOLIDATED OIL FIELDS OF SOUTH AFRICA, LTD.

As recently announced in this page, no more shares in this important undertaking can now be obtained at par, in view of the fact that one of South Africa's leading geologists and mining engineers, Mr. J. E. MILLS-DAVIES, A.I.M.M., the company's technical adviser, who has just returned from a visit to the properties in the Ceres district, Cape Province, has taken the responsible step of locating boreholes, with the result that machinery will now be shipped and drilling operations commenced.

A report as the result of this visit has been received from Mr. MILLS-DAVIES, in which, after fully describing the geological character of the ground, he says "The most important indications of the existence of petroleum upon your "properties is the gas which has been observed at Bailie's Gat, and concerning "which the evidence seems unquestionable. This gas has been found along the "lower edge of a wide band of shale, which outcrops several hundred feet. "It occurs just where one would expect to find gas or oil seepages if the formation "held petroleum. The shale band may be regarded as a cover which would pre- "vent the escape of gas or oil below. It is beneath this shale that a search should "be made for petroleum, whilst the gas above referred to sufficiently warrants "expenditure being incurred for boring purposes."

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It may be recalled that the capital of the Company is £250,000, including £50,000 working capital, in shares of £1 each.

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The properties, in the Ceres district, controlled by the Company are about 150 square miles in extent, and are in one block.

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The Company has the exclusive right, for a period of ten years, to work OIL AND ALL OTHER MINERALS over this extensive territory, and the right, at any time during that period, to purchase the freeholds of the properties.

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Extracts from other eminent Experts' Reports, published in this page from time to time, show that their authors are all of the definite opinion that Petroleum, in payable quantities, abounds on the Company's properties.

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The Company is a parent undertaking, its policy being to dispose of Oil rights, over given areas, to subsidiary Companies, retaining a substantial interest in them.

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The potentialities of the Company are enormous. According to a leading American authority its £1 shares may easily attain the value of £200 from its Oil rights alone.

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In the opinion of the Editor of "John Bull," this important enterprise is destined to mark the dawn of a new era in the Oil production of the World, and the shares of the Company constitute "by far the most attractive purchase in the Oil Market to-day."

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Investors and others interested will be supplied with full particulars on application.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN PETROLEUM EXPLORATION SYNDICATE, LTD.

80, Coleman Street, London. E.C.

JOHN BULL'S FINANCIAL AND INSURANCE LETTER-BOX.

Letters containing enquiries must be addressed to the City Editor, John Bull, 52, New Broad Street, E.C. The names and addresses of correspondents must be enclosed, not, of course, for publication, but in token of good faith. Anonymous communications will be disregarded.

A Postal Order for 1s. must accompany each Financial or Insurance Enquiry.

Consolidated Oil Fields of South Africa.—Serec.—We understand that the directors are expecting to receive an exhaustive report from their Technical Adviser, Mr. Mills-Davies, by next mail, and, judging by the information already to hand, we feel we may congratulate you upon having taken an interest in the undertaking, more especially as you state you went into it "as a speculation."

Rhodesians, etc.—J. C (Openshaw).—There is good reason for stating that important developments are impending, barring accidents, in connection with the Rhodesian Company mentioned, and a purchase of the shares on any favourable opportunity should turn out advantageous. With regard to the motor shares mentioned, it is understood that the Company is doing well, and all such concerns are in high favour just now; but it is not advisable to buy too many of these shares, as competition in the motor-car industry is increasing, and is likely to become still more accentuated as time goes on.

Premium Bonds.—G. T. (Sunderland).—We think Messrs. Cunliffe, Russell and Co., of 10, rue du 4 Septembre, La Bourse, Paris, would be better for the purpose you mention.

Systematic Investment.—Taffy.—See recent issue for our references to this bucket shop.

Mining Co.—E. C. R. (Forest Hill).—When you go into a mining Company you obviously go into a speculation with your eyes open. The concern in question has been unfortunate, largely because of the market conditions generally. At the recent meeting the chairman stated that the money raised under the assessment should suffice to bring the estates in Ceylon to a dividend-paying stage, and as the assessment is only 6d. per share, it is worth the while of the shareholders to pay it in order to give the Company a fair chance to retrieve its fortunes.

Trustee Act.—Trustee.—What you require are the Trustee Act, 1893; Trusts (Scotland) Acts, 1884, 1898 and 1910; and Colonial Stock Act, 1900. You should be able to procure the same through any respectable bookseller, or through your stockbroker, who should also be able to advise you upon the matter.

Tobacco Concern.—Mrs. W. (West Norwood).—The manner in which these shares have been puffed is not liked in the market, and there is, moreover, no regular quotation for them. In the circumstances we cannot advise a purchase, and would prefer, instead, investment in well-established Industrial companies. If you wish it, we should be pleased to give you a suitable selection.

Patent Business.—Justice (Hove).—We cannot advise as to the position of the concern mentioned. You had better apply to the Letters Patent Insurance Co., King's House, Kingsway, W.C.

American Coppers.—Anxious (Palmer's Green).—There is no information available here regarding these three obscure American copper mines, and we do not think that any of them pays dividends. Nor is there any market for the shares in this country.

Cale. Deferred.—Home Rails (Ecclefechan).—You would be most ill-advised to sell this stock now that Scottish Railways are strongly on the up-grade, on the news of advances in goods and passenger rates. A further recovery is more than probable, and you should sit tight.

Canadian Land Investments.—Country.—In our opinion the boom in Canadian land investments has been overdone, and you should be very cautious as to how far you commit yourself. As to the genuineness of the firm in question, you had better make your inquiries of the High Commissioner for Canada, or of the London branch of the Royal Bank of Canada.

Broken Hill.—S. C. E. (Brecon).—No information is available here as regards the City of Broken Hill Proprietary S. M. Syndicate, and your only plan is to address your inquiries to the city where you bought the share. At present all Broken Hill mines are rather under a cloud, owing to labour troubles on the Field.

Rubber Concern.—A. P. H. (Stoke Newington).—We are afraid that you must look upon this Company as a bad egg. Your only remedy is to combine with other shareholders to institute proceedings in the matter, but the point is whether this would not be throwing more good money after bad.

Ten Investments.—Craven.—Nos. 1 and 2 are good second-class investments and more likely to improve than to depreciate now that the outlook generally is so much better. As regards the Home Rails, Nos. 3, 5 and 7, a purchase to average, more especially of Midland Deferred and Great Northern Deferred, should yield satisfactory results. Take a good profit on Dolcoath Tin (4), but hold Amal. Props. of Rhodesia (6), and buy more to average at the present unduly low price. Do not buy any of the rubber shares (8) at present; but the Maikop Pipeline shares (10) stand unduly low, and you cannot do any harm by averaging your holding. Hold No. 9, but do not buy any more.

Holborn Firm.—M. R. J. (Halifax).—We strongly advise you to obtain unimpeachable references, or to make an inquiry through Kemps or Stubbs, before entering into financial transactions with this firm.

Investments in Securities.—M. J. (Somerset).—This is an outside firm, and while some of the stocks which they recommend are no doubt all right, they have an axe of their own to grind in connection with their list.

Gilt-edged Security.—West Kent.—Yes, the proposed transfer from Consols would be a good one, and the stock mentioned is quite safe.

Oil Concern.—F. B. (Birmingham).—It appears to us that the whole concern is nothing but a swindle. It is not even mentioned in the books of reference, and the so-called "bank" is a bank in name only. In future, do not buy such shares without *first* making your inquiries.

West Africans.—R. S. B. (Buckingham).—Everything depends upon whether there will be a revival in West African Mines, which at present are out of favour owing to the high working expenses. United Exploration shares are at present quoted at 2s., and it will consequently be a long time before they reach your price again. However, it is worth while holding them for at least some recovery, as an improvement in other mining sections would probably eventually extend in some degree to West Africans.

Permanent Slate Club.—E. K. (New Cleethorpes).—The benefits are determined according to the Tables and Rules. If you will send us these for inspection we shall be in a position to advise; and if, at the same time, you are able to forward us their balance-sheet, it would be an advantage.

Refuge Assurance Co. — C. T. (Chester).—The policy is issued in your name as the proposer on the life of the person mentioned as the assured. You say that you had no knowledge of this assurance, and that if your name is written on the proposal form it was forged. Any policy obtained by fraudulent means is voidable, and as the case, as you present it, would appear to demand investigation, you had better consult a solicitor.——R. J. (Swindon).—You inform us that the life of your mother was insured by your sister, who left for Australia in October, 1911. The agent persuaded another sister to continue the assurance, and, acting on his advice, the premiums have been paid regularly. Your mother died last December, and the Company, you say, decline to admit the claim owing to the absence of the signature of your sister, who is abroad. We think your second sister could demand the return of the premiums she has actually paid, but not the premiums paid by the first sister. The better plan would be for you to send out a Claims form to your sister in Australia, and the Company would then doubtless be willing to pay the claim in full, leaving the sisters between them to share the proceeds in the proportion to which they are respectively entitled.

National Health Insurance.—Ellen.—You must be insured, and you would derive less advantage by becoming a Deposit Contributor. Explain to the agent of your Approved Society that the age was incorrectly stated, and have the matter put right. It need not give you any occasion for any worry, as you have made no claim for benefit. If you should require our assistance further, let us know. ——J. M. C. (Liverpool).—The Act makes it clear that only persons over seventy years of age are excepted from being insured. Having attained the age of 68, you must continue to pay your contribution. As regards the medical benefit you have applied for and which you say has been refused by your Society, the Royal Liver, in certain cases persons over 65 at the commencement of the Act are specially excluded from this benefit. This appears to us to be a distinct hardship, and as your claim is not admitted, we should recommend you to submit it to the Insurance Committee in your district for their ruling.

Royal London Mutual Insurance Society.—T. W. L. (Shepherd's Bush).—You inform us that in July last you purchased a £5 book, for which you paid £15 cash down, and agreed to pay the balance by seventeen weekly instalments of 10s. each. The Superintendent subsequently made an inspection of your new business and discovered that in the case of a tradeswoman she had not signed the proposal form. With that exception, you assure us that everything was in perfect order. On the Superintendent's report you were suspended and ultimately dismissed. You have asked for a personal interview with the Managing Director at the Head Office, and this has been refused. You wish to know how you are to recover the £23 10s., as you are now a penniless man and cannot do heavy work owing to the state of your health. Apply again for an interview with the Head Office, and, if they refuse to meet you in any way, communicate with us further.

Pearl Life Assurance Co.—G. E. S. (New Southgate).—Your friend has been insured for eleven years under an Endowment policy, and is now ill. The last quarter's payment is in arrear. We do not think the Company would take advantage of these circumstances. The premium had better be tendered forthwith, and, if it is not accepted, let us know.——H. A. D. (Widnes).—The two policies on the life of your mother are your property and cannot be dealt with in any way without your consent. If they had been endorsed contrary to your wishes, see the local superintendent and have the matter put right forthwith. Failing that, communicate with the Head Office, London Bridge, London, E.C. ——H. T. R. (Palmer's Green).—The policy is on the "life of another," and is in order. Your father is the person assured, and although he has no knowledge of this assurance the validity of the policy is not affected thereby.

(A number of replies are held over.)

BRITISH NORTH AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY, LIMITED.

The directors of the British North American Tobacco Company, Ltd., announce a final dividend for the six months ending March 21, 1913, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum; $50,000 is placed to reserve, and $31,821,20 carried forward.

£500 for three words. See "Bullets." Page 614.

CITY and SUBURBAN.

The drawing took place on Tuesday, April 15th, and was supervised by the Special Representative of "John Bull," who wrote down and took away with him complete lists of the drawn numbers, together with the names and addresses of the winners.

£500 FIRST PRIZE.

£100 SECOND PRIZE.

£50 THIRD PRIZE.

The holder of each ticket drawing a starter can choose between having £5 in cash or a week's free holiday in Switzerland with all travelling and hotel expenses paid. £2 for each ticket drawing a non-starter. 100 consolation prizes of £1 each. 200 consolation prizes of 10/- each. 1,400 consolation prizes of 5/- each. Note carefully the series letter and the number of each ticket. Also observe that the full postal address of each winner is given.

The Editor of "John Bull" on February 1st stated:—

"We have many times expressed satisfaction with Mr. H. Diamond's methods, and can assure our readers that from beginning to end each sweep promoted by him is absolutely straight, square and aboveboard."

Mr. W. Lotinga, editor of "Lotinga's Weekly," and well known for many years, until recently, as Magpie of "The Globe," and as "Larry Lynx" said Oct. 12:—

"I can assure everyone most emphatically as to the genuineness and straightforwardness of H. Diamond's sweeps."

Name of Horse.	*Ticket No.*	*Purchaser's Name and Address.*
Limon	E 37670	J. J. Stephenson, 42, Durham Road, Stockton-on-Tees.
Long Set	A 25338	E. G. Lewis, H.M.S. *Neptune*, Home Fleet.
Swan Song	B 12051	H. Pearce, 61, Dudley Gardens, W. Ealing, Middlesex.
Maiden Erlegh	E 25685	T. Hudson, 15, Stoker Street, Stockton-on-Tees.
Uncle Pat	A 30302	G. Watson, 55, Queen St., Maidenhead.
Mordred	A 10199	R. Wells, 44, Sheringham Avenue, Manor Park, Essex.
Daly's	B 18687	W. Pack, Manderston, Duns, Scotland.
Mustapha	H 32822	J. M. Reynolds, 5, Back Nile Street, Middlesbro'.
Berrilldon	B 51421	Ed. Richards, 24, Wind St., Ynyshir, Rhondda.
St. Meriadoc	A 79367	F. Beer, Warfield Dale, Bracknell, Berks.
Moscato	B 11843	K. Hodgson, 24, Cross St., Preston.
Eton Boy	B 3003	Jane Lambert, 34, Devonshire Place, Harrogate.
Bon Bon Rose	D 8624	Mrs. G. Sutton, Globe Inn, Weymouth.
Scots Saint	A 9463	A. T. Fairweather, 43, Wallfield Crescent, Aberdeen.
Adam Bede	B 27752	A. Jolly, Navenby, Lincoln.
Lomond	H 38606	J. Hill, 184, Langworthy Road, Seedley, Manchester.
Absolute	A 55491	J. Roome, 1, Norcutt Road, Twickenham, London.
Short Grass	A 80233	H. Sadler, 4, Dorset Terrace, Oxford Road, Clacton.
Talana Hill	C 5233	J. W. Colo, 129, Westbourne Park Road, Paddington, W.
White Star	E 42849	T. W. Carr, 28, Third Avenue, Bordesley Gn., Birmingham.
Outram	B 5478	E. Hayward, Roxboro' Hotel, Harrow, Middlesex.
Jaeger	B 88857	C. Spearing, 18, Spring Garden Place, Stepney, E.
St. Nat	D 33055	W. Mitchell, 446, Wharncliffe Gardens, St. John's Wood, N.W.
Bachelor's Hope	B 57379	Mrs. Creffield, 73, Ponystone Road, Maidenhead.
Sir Martin	A 55101	T. Storey, 62, Stargate, Ryton-on-Tyne.
Cap and Clown	B 25090	C. Kirk, 1, James Street, Dublin.
Drinmore	D 1124	C. J. Goulter, 1, St. George's Road, Kingston Hill.
Dalmatian	A 32549	W. H. Wilkins, 18, Tuddenham Rd., Ipswich.
Molly's Birthday	H 38849	J. Hotson, 40, Bromley Street, Workington, Cumberland.
Cigar	B 82262	J. B. Tomlin, 62, Highfield Street, Leicester.
Thistleton	A 61196	P. C. Simpson, Kingscroft, Kingston-on-Thames.
Agapanthus	B 50160	Mrs. Langley, Powder Mills, Hounslow, Middlesex.
Sunspot	A 45690	U. Booth, 31, German Street, Oldham Road, Manchester.
Jingling Geordie	E 47762	H. Foster, 52, Milton Street, Maidstone, Kent.
Depeche	A 35866	R. Starr, 53, Berry Street, Workington, Cumberland.
Halberd	H 50926	Mr. Ackermann, 165, Mare Street, Hackney, London.
Hamerton	A 49854	Geo. Wm. Barker, 4B, Howe Street, Edinburgh.
Lorenzo	D 41924	L. Neale, 4, Brainerd Street, Green Lane, Liverpool.
Cabaret	H 11377	H. West, 18, Raynham Terrace, Upper Edmonton, N.
Aldegond	A 73085	F. Hoile, 6, Marlbro' St., Brighton.
Junior	B 12670	J. H. Briggs, Central Stores, Knottingley.
Spanish Prince	B 52800	S. G. Taylor, 4, Camberwell Road, London, S.E.
Tuxedo	D 14164	H. French, 8, Warren Terrace, Nelson, near Cardiff.
Misfit	A 82519	Miss G. Emlyn, 14, Wellington Road, Rhyl.

H. DIAMOND, Lucerne, Switzerland.

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"BULLETS" STILL BREAKING RECORDS!

THE JUDGING.

Every "Bullets" coupon received is slowly and carefully judged by TWO different Members of our Special Staff of Adjudicators, all of whom are journalists of the highest ability, specially qualified to undertake such work. Thus, every coupon is judged twice, and the possibility of a "Bullet" displaying merit being overlooked is eliminated.

FIRST PRIZE £500 FIRST PRIZE

£75 SECOND PRIZE. **£25 THIRD PRIZE.**

10 Prizes of £2 10s.
10 „ „ £1
20 „ „ 10/-

TOTAL PRIZES VALUE £1,895

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5,000 OTHER PRIZES VALUE OVER £1,100.

Bullets can only be constructed from any of these 40 Examples:—

NEW TAXES	A LITTLE DROP	PENNY CIGAR	PIN MONEY	BEST LEFT UNSAID
SUFFRAGETTE MEETINGS	WIFE'S DIARY	SOLD UP	LAST MATCH	NARROW ESCAPE
CITY AND SUBURBAN	SILKS AND SATINS	WELL WORTH WINNING	I BELIEVE THAT	LOAVES AND FISHES
SOCIETY MARRIAGES	CAPITAL IDEA	WICKED WORLD	VERY USEFUL	SIMPLE LIFE
HAPPY EVENT	EVERY WIFE WANTS	IN THE LIMELIGHT	NEWLY-MARRIED COUPLES	TRYING IT ON
MUM'S THE WORD	SECOND DIVISION	THEATRE QUEUES	NATIONAL SUPREMACY	OLD FLAMES
GERMAN SAUSAGE	HELP NEEDED	POLICE AND PUBLIC	A THOUSAND POUNDS	OFTEN CAUSES STRIFE
POSTMAN'S KNOCK	ROAD TO RUIN	WHEN IN DOUBT	GOOD INTENTIONS	LOST OPPORTUNITIES

THE BIGGEST WEEKLY PRIZE OFFER MADE BY ANY PERIODICAL.

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HOW TO MAKE BULLETS.

First choose any of our forty examples. Then give two words or three words having some bearing on the example chosen. The FIRST and LAST word selected MUST begin with ANY OF THE LETTERS in the example chosen. If three words are selected any word can be used as the middle word.

For instance, if you take the example "SILKS AND SATINS," and take the letters "L" and "A" using the word "women" as the middle word, you can make the Bullet, "ALL WOMEN LIKE." Or from the example, "A THOUSAND POUNDS," the Bullet, "USEFUL SUM" can be formed. Again, if you take the example, "BEST LEFT UNSAID," using the letter "D" as initial for both the first and last word, you can form the Bullet, "'DARLING' TO DOMESTICS."

Competitors who have already won any prizes, large or small, in this competition are in no way debarred from winning again.

Competitors can send in two BULLETS on one coupon for sixpence, but if both coupons are used a postal order for one shilling must be sent.

The ink will not run if the coupon is slightly warmed before being used.

Closing date, Wednesday, April 30th.

Example _____
Bullet _____

Example _____
Bullet _____

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I agree to enter this competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page, and agree to accept the published decision as final and legally binding.

Signed _____
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A Sixpenny P.O. Must Accompany this Coupon.

Not more than three words may be used to construct a Bullet.

This week's Bullets Coupons will also be found in "MARY BULL," dated May 3rd.

Closing date, Wednesday, April 30th.

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ENVELOPES SHOULD BE MARKED "BULLETS NO. 30," "JOHN BULL," LONG ACRE, LONDON, W.C.

Write "COMPETITION" on top left hand corner of Envelope.

RESULT OF 27TH BULLETS COMPETITION.

IRST PRIZE OF £450:—

Mr. A. STRUTHERS,
2, Alfriston Road, West Side, Clapham Common, London, S.W.

ample:—ANGLING SEASON.
llet:—NEW CURATE ARRIVES!

ECOND PRIZE OF £50:—

Mr. WILLIAM H. STURDY,
Chief Librarian, Central Free Library, Seymour Street, Aberdare, S. Wales.

ample:—AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS.
llet:—SPARROWS WATCHING NOSEBAG.

IRD PRIZE OF £25

Mr. R. McD. PARKER,
8, Pitt Street, Leith, Scotland.

mple:—POPULAR ILLUSION.
llet:—PUBLICANS ALL SINNERS.

EN Prizes of £2 10s. are awarded as follows:

J. MARSHALL, 17, Battlefield Gardens, Glasgow:
ROTTEN ROW—NEVER ACTRESS'S TEETH.
B. THOMAS, 97, Telephone Road, Southsea, Hants:
COMPANY PROSPECTUS—PERSUASIVE YET EVASIVE.
CHARLES MINOR, 167, Greenvale Road, Eltham, Woolwich:
WHEN LOVE WANES—"HOMES" OF SILENCE.
H. W. TYLER, Craigforth, Sterling, N.B.:
TIGHT SQUEEZE—SCOTCHMAN'S SIXPENNY TELEGRAM.
CONSTANCE M. KENSETT, 336, Coombe Lane, Wimbledon:
ROOM FOR TWO—OVERWORKED CLERK'S OPINION.
ALFRED VARE, 18, Railway Road, King's Lynn:
SOLD AGAIN—LADY'S VEIL LIFTED.

Mr. JAS. C. FODEN, 8, Newlands Road, Norbury, S.W.:
EVERY WOMAN KNOWS—"OVERTIME"—BY SMELL.
Mr. H. W. LAYTON, 58, Beccles Road, Lowestoft:
RESTING—RIDING PUPIL STANDING.
Mrs. E. C. HOPKINS, 5, Chaddesley Terrace, Swansea:
HOBSON'S CHOICE—HUBBY'S BIRTHDAY NECKTIE.
G. H. GAUNTLEY, 55, York Street, Rugby, Warwick.
UNINVITED GUEST—"DRINKS" THEN "SLINES."

10 PRIZE WINNERS of £1 EACH.

DAVIES, D. W., 8, Waun Road, Morriston, Glam
DELF, Miss N. D., 116, Marine Parade, Brighton.
GIBSON, G., 66, Ashfield Road, Nottingham.
GILBERT, Mrs. E. K., Centra Boarding House, Mullion, South Cornwall.
PIGON, A., 18, Queensland Road, Boscombe.
PILLINGER, A., 2, Bennett Street, Kidderminster.
RICHARDS, Miss, Oak Cottage, 40, Walkern Road, Stevenage, Herts.
SHARVELL, S. W., 101, Spencer Place, Leeds.
WANKLIN, EDITH, Golden X Hotel, Oxford.
WILLIAMS, T. S., 119, Cranborne Road, Wavertree, Liverpool.

20 PRIZE WINNERS of 10s. EACH.

CARROLL, H. E., 29, Sunlight Street, Newsham Park, Liverpool.
DIPPER, A. E., 46, Marston Street, Oxford.
ELLIS, F. P., 152, Markham Road, Bournemouth.
FREEMAN, Mrs. J. 15, Albany Road, Norwich.
FULCHER, C. A., Cliden, Co. Galway, Ireland.
GROVES, B. C., 5, Burlington Gardens, Acton, W.
GULLICK, J. A., A.S. Corps, Horse Guards, Whitehall, S.W.
HAWKEY, R. A., 12, Vicarage Road, Rugby.
HAWKINS, Mrs. E., 2, Woodlands Road, Barnes Common, S.W.
JONES, O., 13, Neston Street, Birkenhead.
MACKINTOSH, Mrs., Bennevis Cottage, Kingussie, N.B.
McDERMOTT, A., 138, Wentworth Buildings, Goulston Street, Aldgate, E.
McGLASHAN, J. W., Yeoville, Acomb, York.
MOYLE, Miss E., Porkellis, near Helston.
MULLETT, A., 18, Wilkinson Street, Clapham Road, S.W.
RENDALL, E. F., 65, Freemantle Road, Eastville, Bristol.
ROSE, STUART, 14, Hale Road, Liscard, Cheshire.
SEEL, J. H., 53, Humphrey Street, Old Trafford, Manchester.
WHITE, D. R., 32, High Street, Alton, Hants.
WILSHER, E., 181, Ashmore Road, Paddington, N.W.

LECTION FROM LIST OF 200 PRIZE WINNERS OF 7s. 6d. EACH. "BULLETS" COMPETITION NO. 27

A Selection from the List of 5,000 winners of valuable Prizes can be seen in "Mary Bull," dated May 10th.

ter, W., Victoria-rd., Driffield.
rman, A., 58, Campbell-rd., Twickenham.
ighten, Mrs. L., 21, Carfield-ave., eley, Sheffield.
, Mrs. L. M., 80, Gt. Thornton-st., ol.
, J. L. 29, Bunyan-st., Ardwick.
ews, Mrs. L., 9, High-st., Alton.
s, W. C., c/o B. O. C., Ltd., 163, pe-st., Glasgow.
er, E., 26, Raglan-st., Fenton.
ibald, W., 8, Logie Green-rd., inburgh.
ibald, Mrs., 9, Mentone-ave., Porto-o, N.B.
ld, E. H., 42, Claremont-rd., Sparkbrook, Birmingham.
own, E., 26, Gloucester-st., Theobalds-, W.C.
rd, G., Parkfield House, Parkfield-rd., lesden Green, N.W.
esen, E., "The Limes," Queen's-rd., ton-on-Mersey.
borough, T. W., 10, Conway-st., St. iers, Jersey.
ton, J., 121, Atwood-rd., Didsbury, nchester.
o, A., 2, Saltmead-rd., Cardiff.
, J. M., "Creelha," Roslin, Midian.
in, Mrs. E., 5, Victoria-rd., Northen.
, T., 21, Eatington-rd., Leyton, N.E.
y, G., 6, Rolland-ter., Leven.
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Racing Notes.

Prophetic.

To-day (Wednesday) is City and Suburban day, and there should be the usual exodus Epsomwards. The race this year has not evoked much wagering, and certainly there is nothing in the race with a chance that "sticks out." Newmarket opinions are divided between Jaeger and Lorenzo. Junior is fancied a bit, as is Drinmore. From one of this quartette should the winner come, and perhaps

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In the minor races to-day MAYCUP should win the Tadworth Plate, GOLD VEIN the Hyde Park Plate, and LEVANGER the Kingswood Plate.

At Lingfield, on Thursday, the Surrey T.-Y.-O. Plate may be won by WOLF'S CASTLE, the Spring Foal Stakes by DUBLIN PRAWN, and the Victoria Plate by APRILLE.

At Pontefract, to-day (Wednesday), CLAP GATE can win the Prince of Wales's Stakes, and on Thursday NEEDY DUKE should take the Carleton Handicap, and ELGON the Victoria Plate, though if Clap Gate were kept for this race he would be a good thing.

At Sandown Park on Friday

HIGH ROCK

must have a fine chance in the Esher Cup, as has GUISCARD in the Stud Produce Stakes. CLAQUEMENT ought to win the Mount Felix Maiden Plate. On Saturday the racing here is "over the sticks," and readers must make their own selections.

At Stockton, on Friday, LUCY FARRAND has a good chance in the Hartburn Handicap, and on Saturday HUKM will win the Fairfield T.-Y.-O. Plate should that be deemed good enough for him.

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H. DIAMOND.—G. F. C. (Leicester).—The result of the Draw, which you will find on another page, was attended by our Special Representative, who reports that everything was, as usual, strictly in order.

"SPORTING ECHO."—W. T. GEORGE, S.C.A.—We should not advise you to go in for these people's sweepstakes.

THE TOTALISATOR (LUCERNE).—MISS M. S. (Nottingham).—You should apply to Mr. H. Cullerne-Bown, the Managing Director of the Totalisator, Lucerne, for particulars.

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ARTHUR DRAYTON (OXFORD STREET, W.).—H. P. (Burton-on-Trent).—We know nothing for or against the individual in question, and regret we have no time to go fully into the matter you bring to our notice.

THE NEW RACE AND SPORTING CLUB (Calcutta).—E. J. H. (Kimberley).—We have no information as to this. Thanks for interesting circulars.

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Football Selections from the Principal Papers.

Matches to be played Saturday, April 26th, 1913.

In view of the enormous interest now taken in the competitions conducted by numerous papers, the following table of selections compiled from the principal football authorities will be found to be an extremely useful guide—

	Matches played on ground of first-named team.	Last Year's Result.	JOHN BULL	Latimer's Weekly.	Umpire.	Weekly Dispatch.	News of the World.	Competitors' [illegible]
SOUTHERN LEAGUE—2ND LEAGUE—1ST LEAGUE	Bolton Wanderers v. Sunderland ..	Bolton won 3—0	Away	Away	Draw	Away	Draw	Away
	Bradford C. v. Tottenham H.	Bradford won 3—0	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Chelsea v. Notts County	No Game.	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Everton v. Sheffield Wed.	Everton won 1—0	Away	Away	Draw	Home	Away	Away
	Manchester City v. Derby County ..	No Game	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Newcastle Un. v. Aston Villa ..	Newcastle won 6—2	Home	Home	Away	Draw	Home	[illegible]
	Oldham A. v. Manchester Un. ..	Draw, 2—2	Away	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Draw
	West Bromwich A. v. Blackburn R.	West Brom. won 2—0	Away	Home	Draw	Home	Draw	Home
	Woolwich A. v. Middlesbrough ..	Woolwich won 3—1	Home	Away	Away	Home	Away	Home
	Birmingham v. Grimsby Town ..	Draw. 2—2	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Bristol City v. Bury	No Game	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home
	Burnley v. Stockport C.	Burnley won 4—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Clapton O. v. Bradford	Clapton won 2—0	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Away
	Glossop v. Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton won 1—0	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Draw	Draw
	Huddersfield Town v. Leeds City ..	Leeds won 2—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Hull City v. Leicester Fosse ..	Hull won 4—1	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Draw
	Lincoln City v. Barnsley	No Game	Home	Home	Draw	Draw	Home	Home
	Notts Forest v. Fulham	Draw, 2—1	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home
	Preston N. E. v. Blackpool	No Game	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Crystal Palace v. Queen's Park R. ..	Crystal Palace won 3—0	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Martyr Town v. Brentford	No Game	Home	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home
	Southampton v. Gillingham	Southampton won 3—0	Home	Home	Draw	Home	Home	Home
	Plymouth A. v. Northampton ..	Plymouth won 2—0	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Draw
	Watford v. Millwall	Draw. 1—1	Away	Draw	Away	Away	Home	Home
	Exeter City v. Stoke	Draw. 1—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Coventry City v. Bristol Rovers ..	Bristol won 2—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	Reading v. Norwich City	Norwich won 3—1	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
	West Ham Un. v. Portsmouth ..	No Game	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home	Home
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